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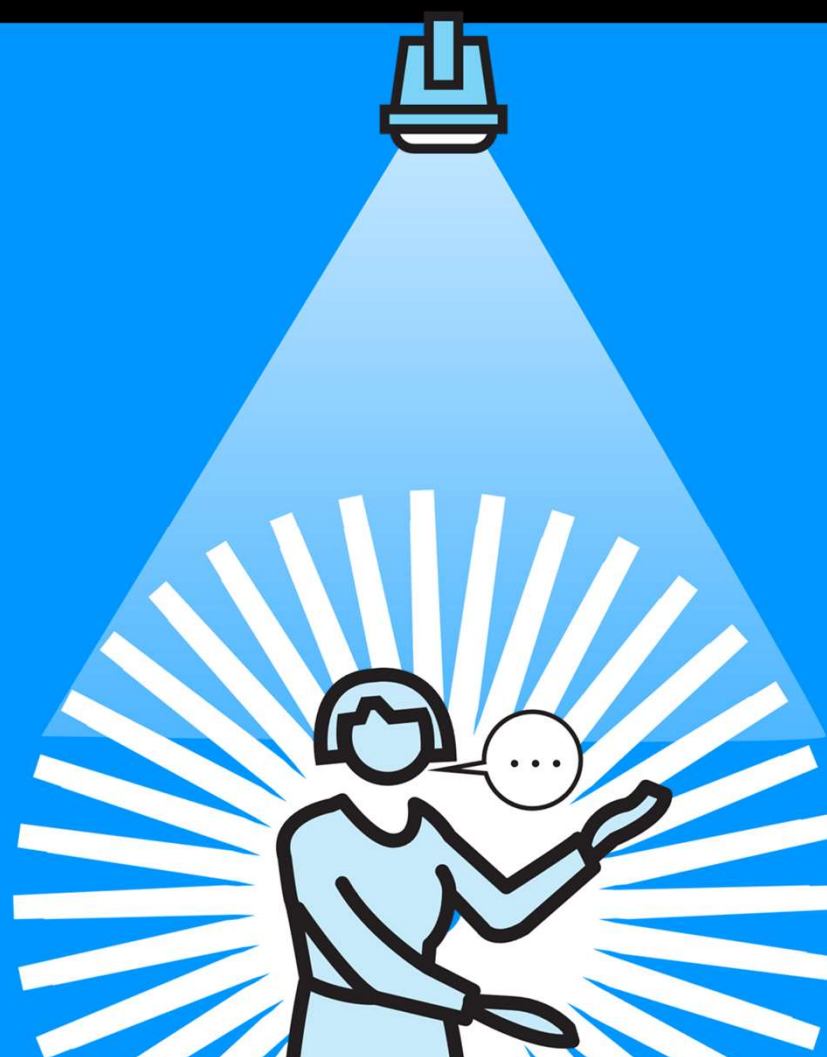
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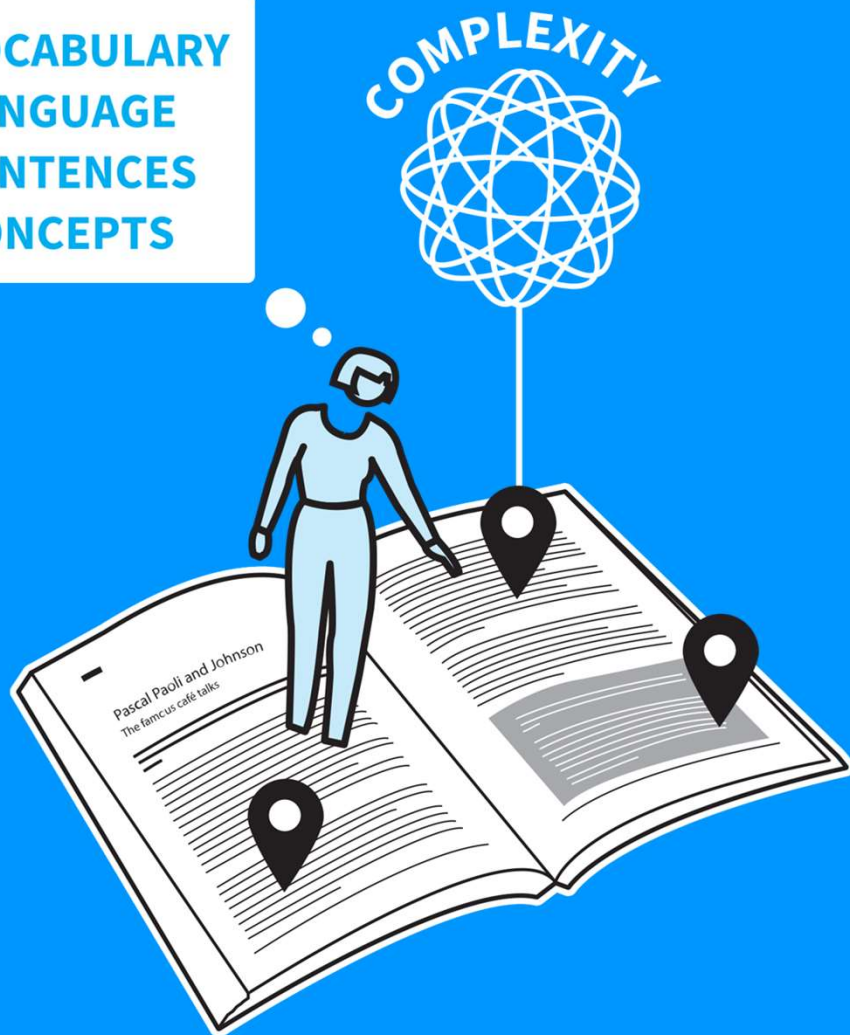
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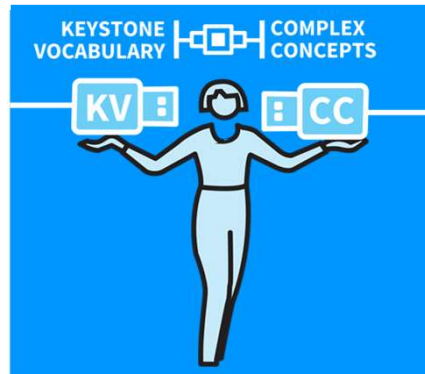
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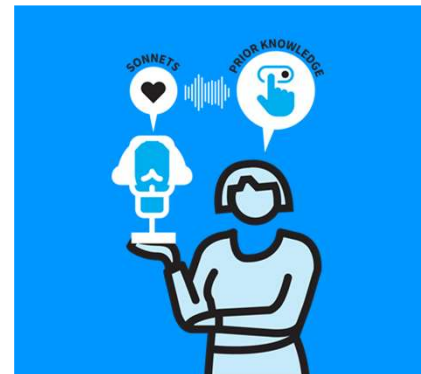
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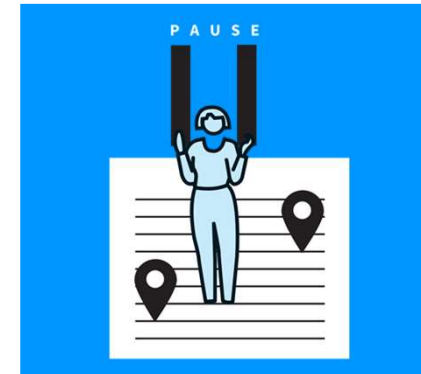
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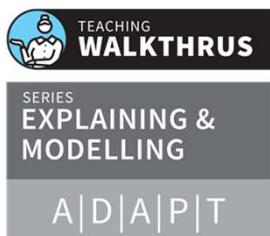
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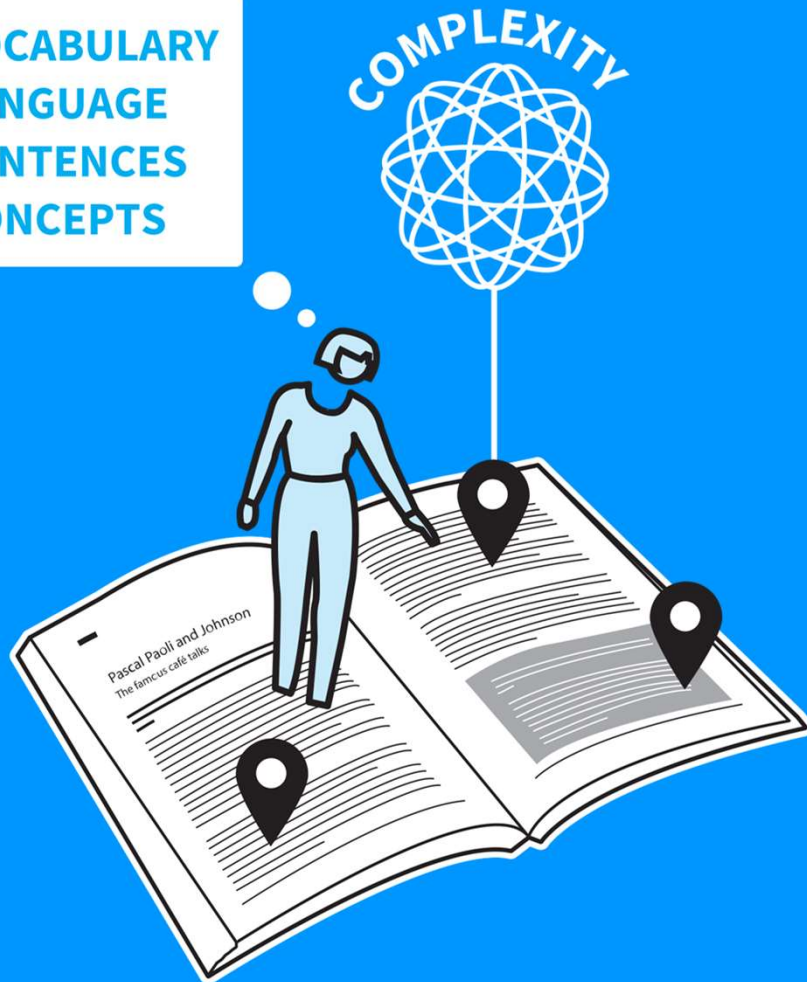


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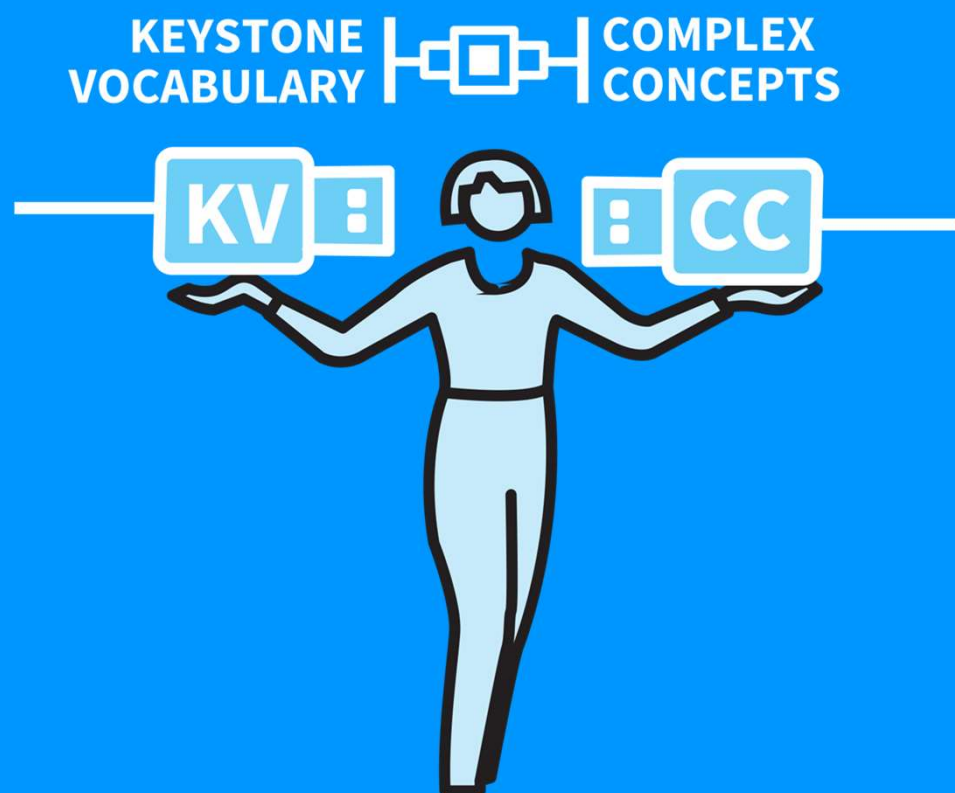
- Select a portion of the text (e.g. first 200 words, or a page from a chapter) and then evaluate the complexity of that portion.
- Aspects that determine text complexity:
 - Rare, academic vocabulary
 - Language features e.g. metaphors
 - Sentence length
 - Range of complex concepts, big ideas
- The complexity of this sample will lead to decisions about pre-teaching.



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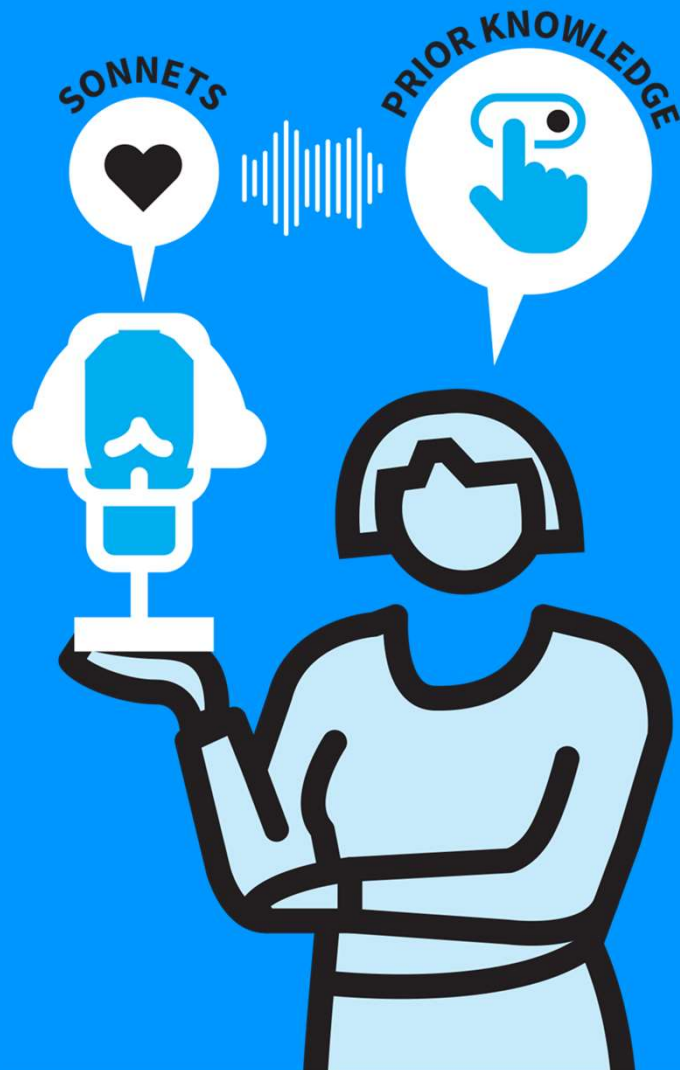
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CONNECT COMPLEX CONCEPTS AND KEYSTONE VOCABULARY

- For complex texts, identify and pre-teach sophisticated concepts (such as particles and energy in science).
- Explicitly identify the related core vocabulary that is essential to communicating those concepts.
- Keystone vocabulary items can be explicitly identified, taught and revisited as part of a coherently mapped reading curriculum, e.g. *atoms, molecules, ions*.





ACTIVATE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE AND *RELATE*

- Explicitly activate students' prior knowledge, e.g. when reading a Shakespearean sonnet in English literature, relate it to other poetic genres and knowledge about Shakespearean plays.
- Novice students can miss seemingly obvious connections. Connect keystone vocabulary items to words they know already to allow for better developed schemas for the text.





PROBE & QUESTION

- Before reading a text in class fully, use **Probing Questions**, via **Cold Calling**, to ascertain a representative level of prior knowledge for complex concepts and *keystone vocabulary*.
- *e.g. in history, a probing question about students' knowledge of Tudor kings and queens can precede reading a source that evaluates the Wars of the Roses.*
- If responses are limited, recalibrate how much pre-reading instruction is needed before going onto reading further texts.



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- Complex academic texts can place a high demand on our students' working memory.
- Simply following each sentence can initiate a high demand for prior knowledge and vocabulary recognition.
- With this mind, it is helpful to identify specific pauses in the text, with a few targeted questions to **Check for Understanding** before initiating reading once more.



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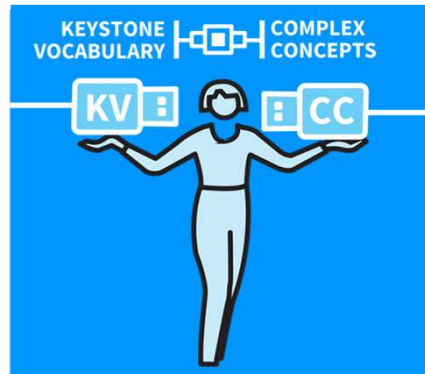
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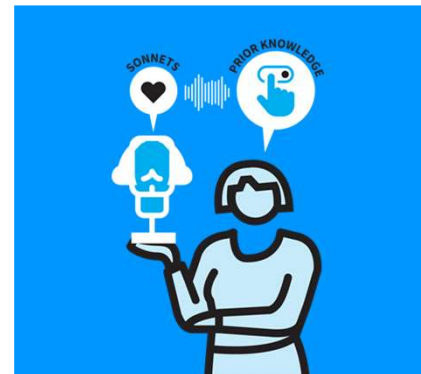
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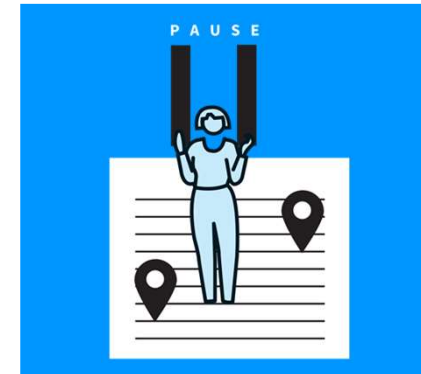
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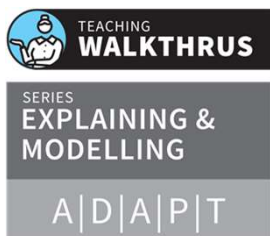
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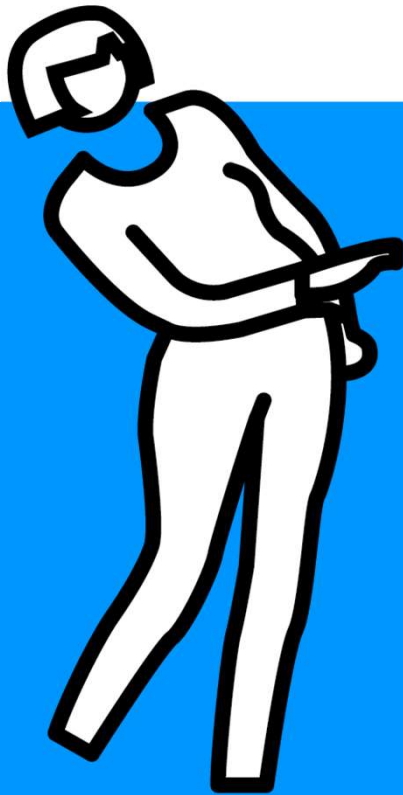
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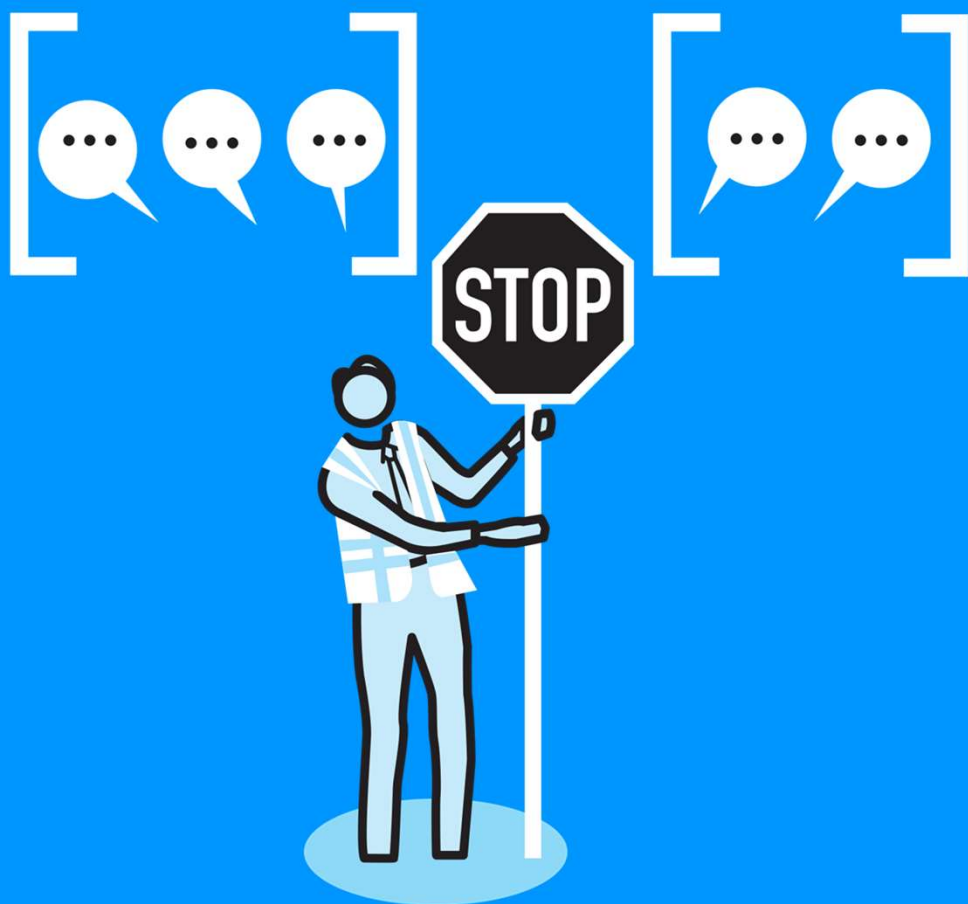
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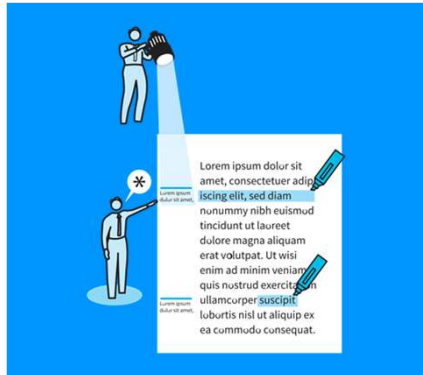
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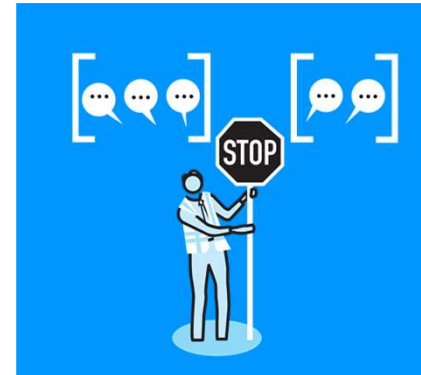
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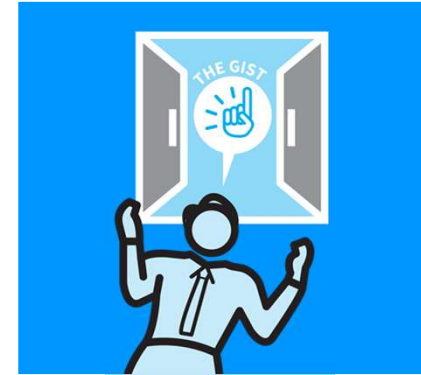
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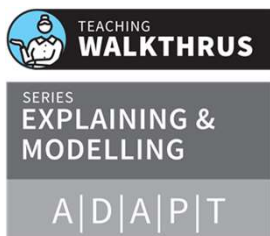
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EVALUATE YOUR WHOLE-CLASS READING OPTIONS

- The most common approach is teacher-led whole-class reading. This offers a reading role model with a high degree of skill and fluency but doesn't develop students as fluent readers.
- These approaches can support students' reading:
 - Choral reading: students read along with the teacher in unison.
 - Paired reading: small groups read collaboratively, aiding students' own reading skills, albeit less fluently.



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ANNOTATE & PRACTISE

- A productive use of lesson planning can include concise annotations for a complex academic text to be read in class.
- Underlining key words and phrases to stress and emphasise can support the performance of reading (which can aid student reading comprehension) and identify keystone vocabulary.
- For significant passages, a speedy practice of reading the passage aloud should aid fluent teacher reading.



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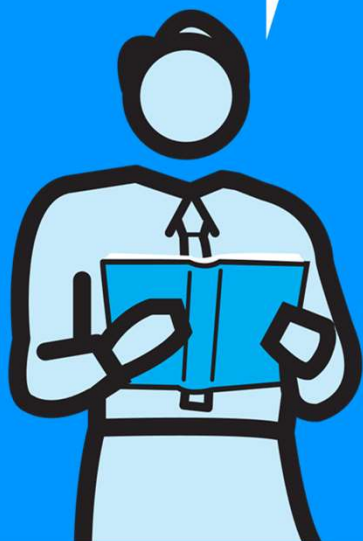
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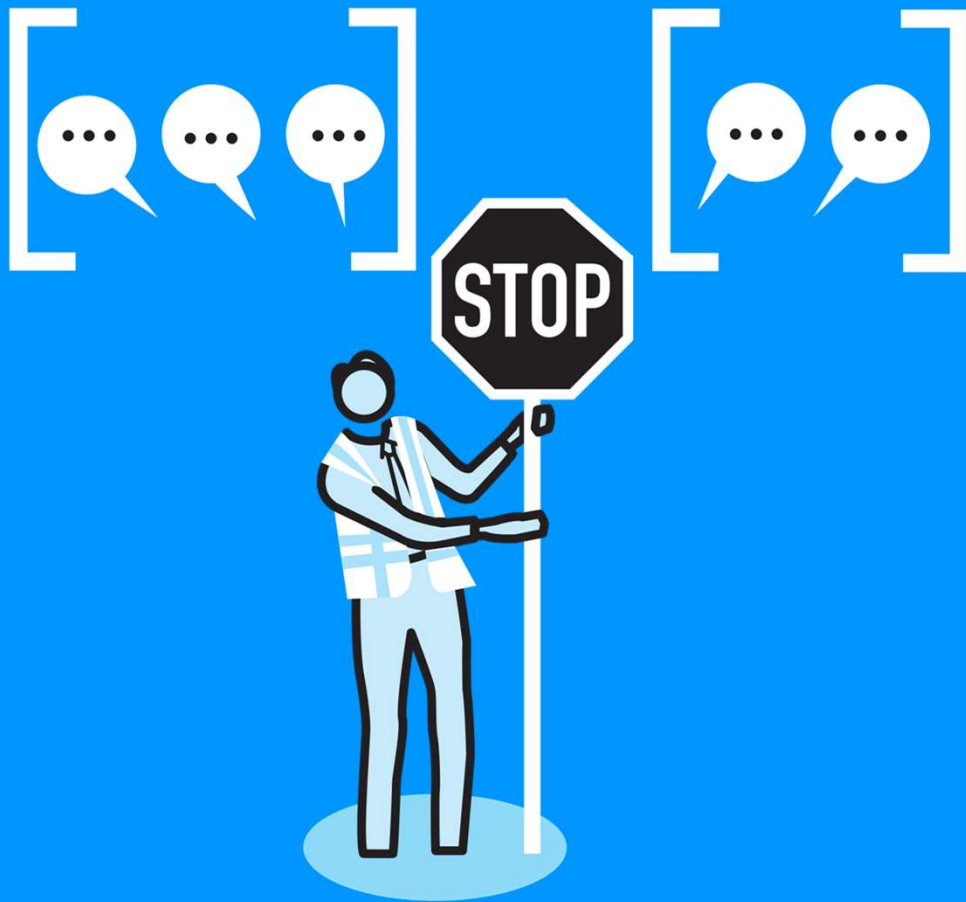
- An adept reading performance in class can aid the understanding of complex concepts. Teachers should read with a smooth pace, but also explicitly emphasise and stress the most important vocabulary items in a text.
- Academic texts include dense noun phrases unfamiliar for students, e.g. in geography, *global atmospheric circulation*; *conservative plate margin* require careful, clear expression.
- Other words need to be stressed to convey their importance.



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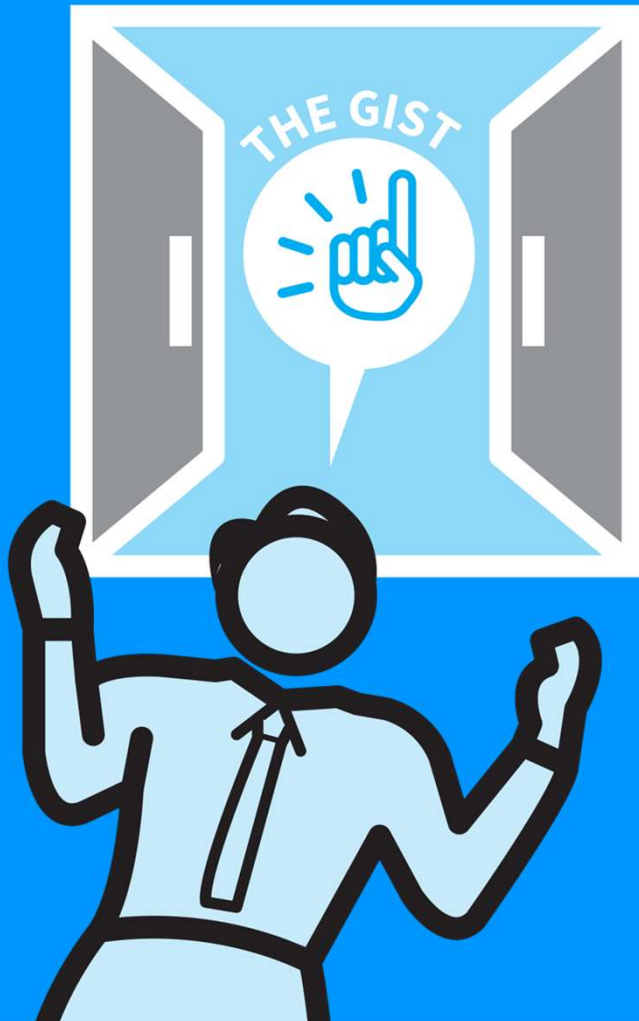
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- Academic texts can be dense with complex vocabulary and concepts, but chunking down into readable parts can determine how well students process their reading.
- Textbooks typically offer natural chunks and stopping points to check understanding, but these are not always evident; often the teacher has to identify stopping points independently.
- In other types of texts, stopping points can be identified at the planning stage.



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ESTABLISH THE GIST

- Whole-class reading for a sustained period of time can place high cognitive demand on the teacher and students.
- It's important, therefore, to plan to consolidate understanding:
 - Give the concise gist of the text, or elicit this information from students.
 - Use targeted identification and re-reading of important sentences to ensure clarity and reiterate the most important concepts of the text.



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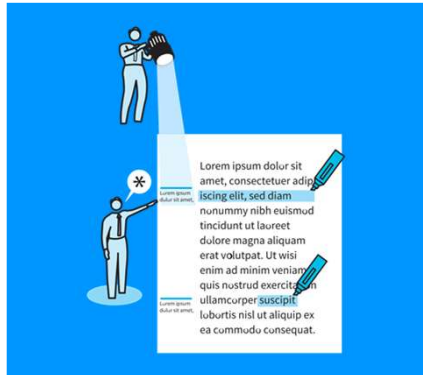
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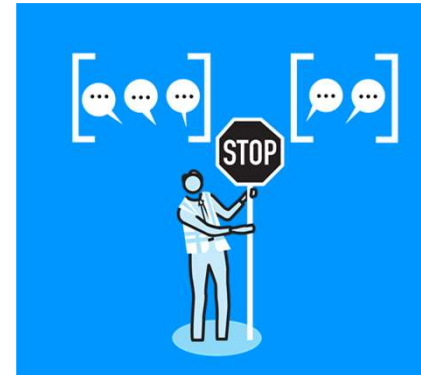
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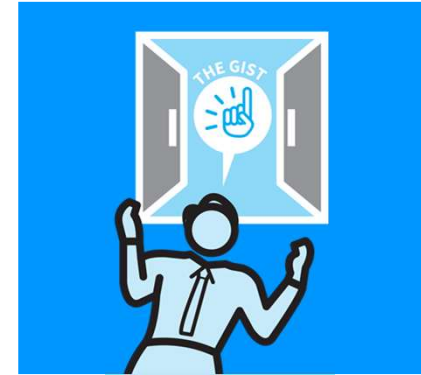
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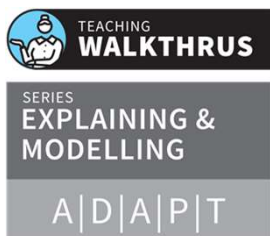
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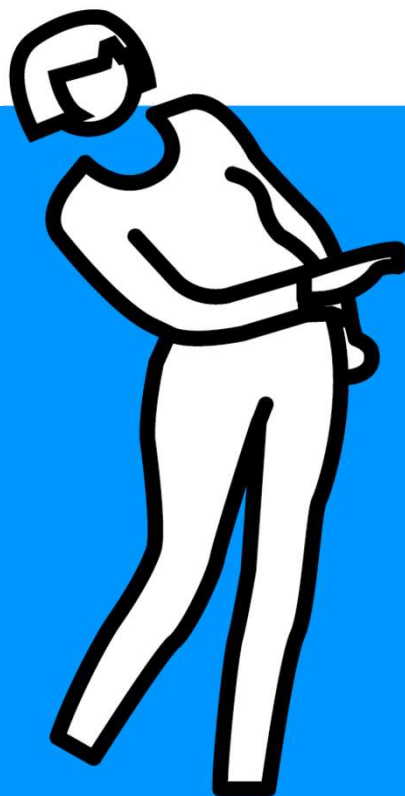
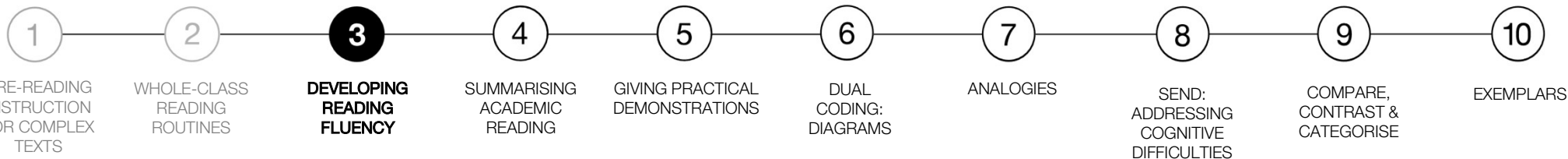
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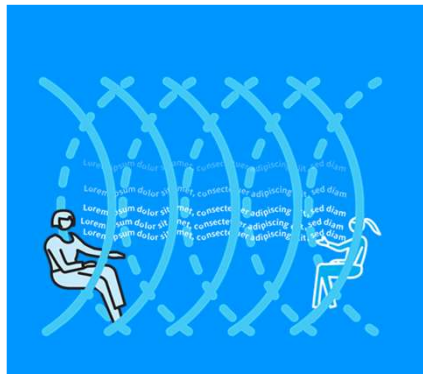
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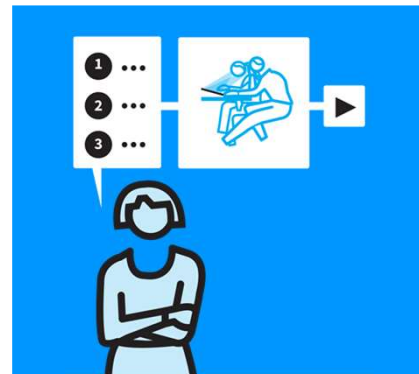
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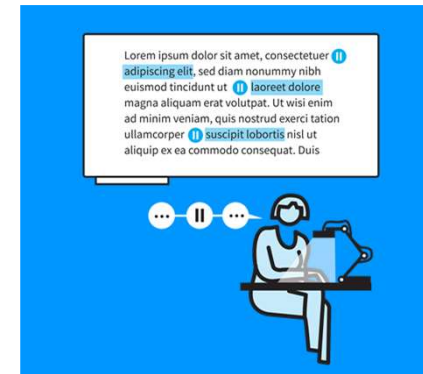
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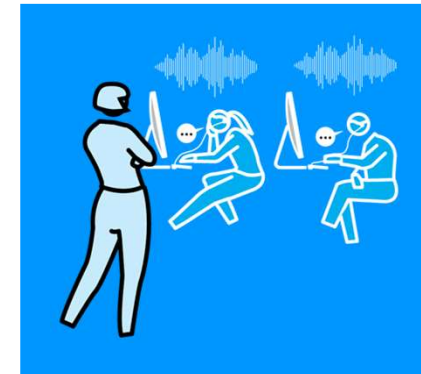
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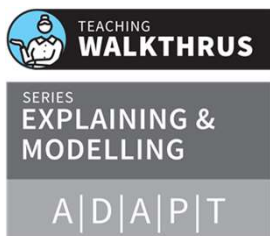
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TEACHER MODELLING OF READING FLUENCY

- It is helpful for students to hear models of fluent, skilled reading of academic texts. Modelling reading fluency can include the explicit review of the teacher's performance, using the language of the four fluency dimensions.
- Teachers can initiate an explanation of their own reading performance: an RE teacher may discuss their phrasing of Buddhist chanting to ensure comprehension of the textbook chapter.



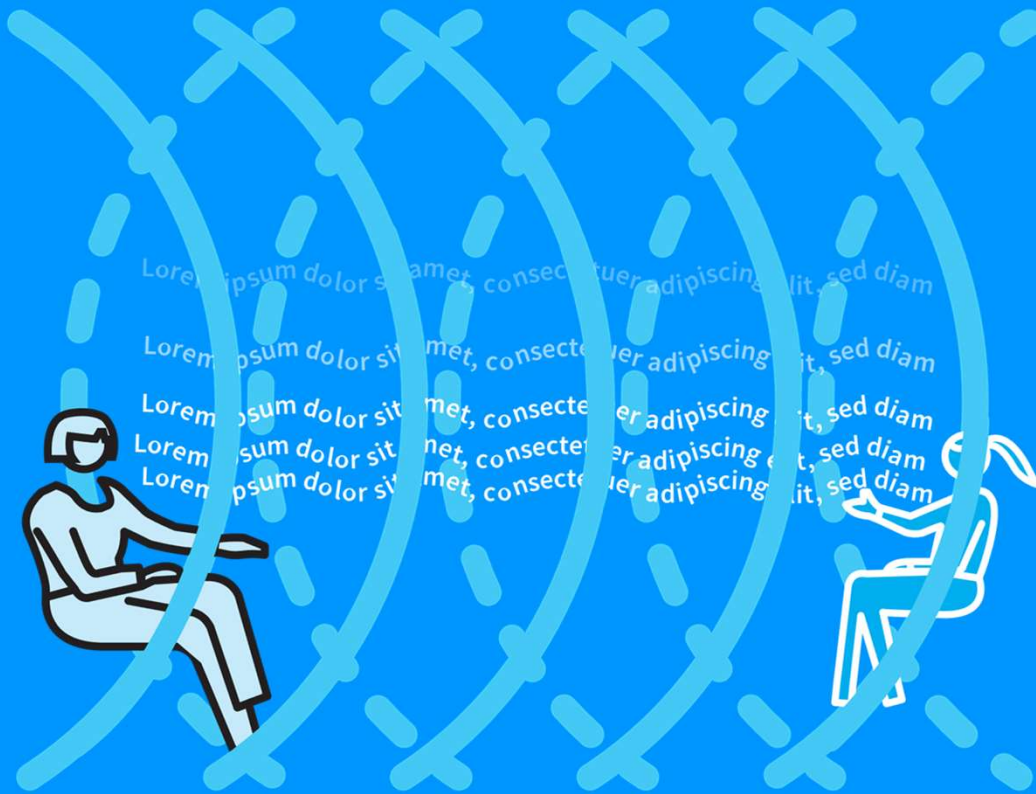
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ECHO READING

- Echo reading describes when a teacher models a passage, with the specific follow-up of pupils then reading the same passage.
- This is appropriate for an important passage to be read in class, such as a poem in English literature, or an important political speech in history.
- Having experienced the expert teacher version, imitation can increase students' own reading fluency and repetition can foster consolidation of the content.



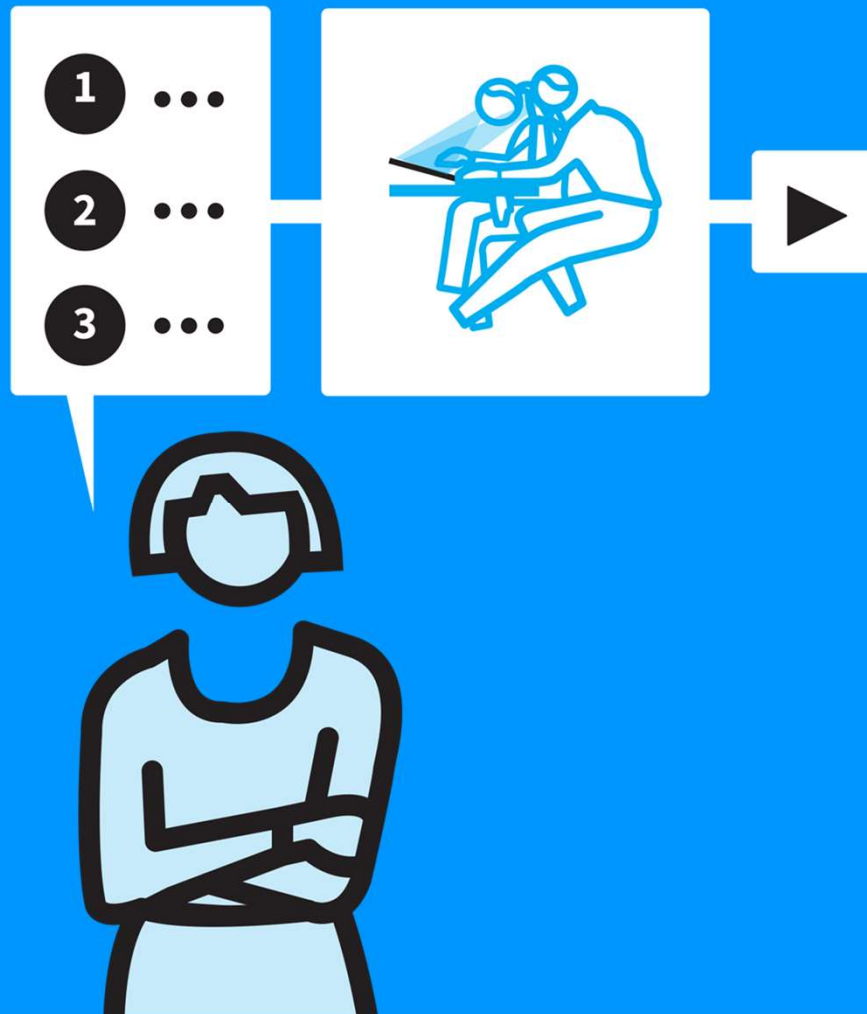
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- Students can read in pairs, e.g. reading alternate sentences of a given shared text, or repeating sentences after their partner has read them.
- This can support students to assess the fluency of one another, offering a metacognitive support to further improve their own reading fluency.
- Whole-class talk about reading fluency and clear, precise instructions are needed to maximise the gains from the collaborative strategy.



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- Students may not notice an author's subtle cues. Complex sentence structures trip them up; dense noun phrases – e.g. 'organic, nutrient-rich materials' from soil erosion in geography – are not read with clarity or fluency.
- Identifying phrases (e.g. by following with a visualiser) in meaningful chunks aids fluency, supporting comprehension.
- For younger pupils, chunking phrases with your fingers on the page can offer additional support.





READ & RECORD

- Digital technology offers manageable and meaningful opportunities to foster and record reading fluency.
- Students can record their own reading performances before then critiquing their own performance, or that of their peers.
- The teacher can play back their reading for repetition to consolidate understanding and foreground aspects of reading fluency in performance.

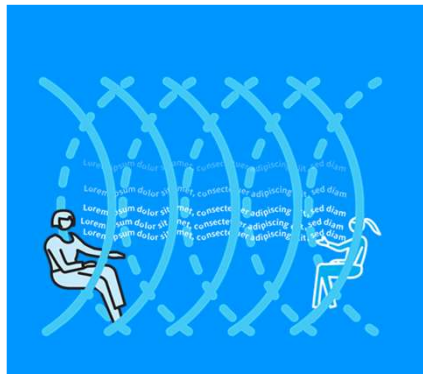


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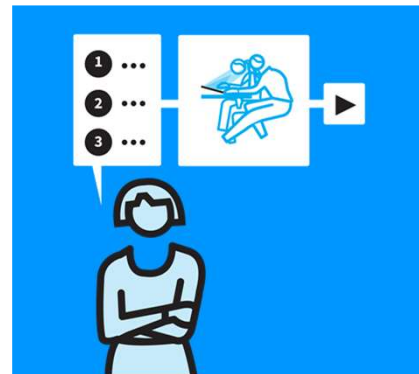
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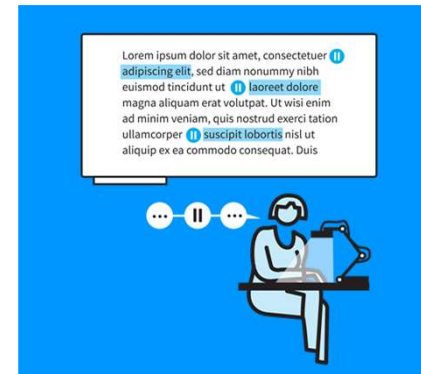
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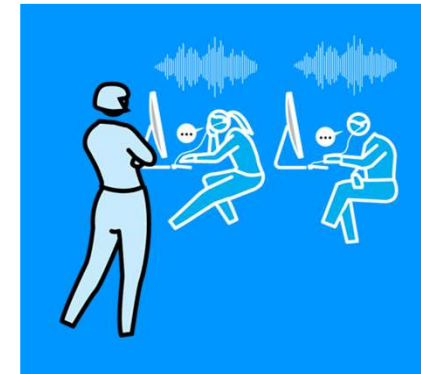
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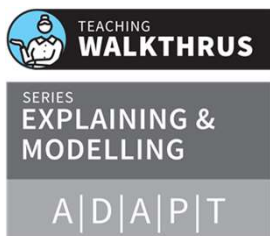
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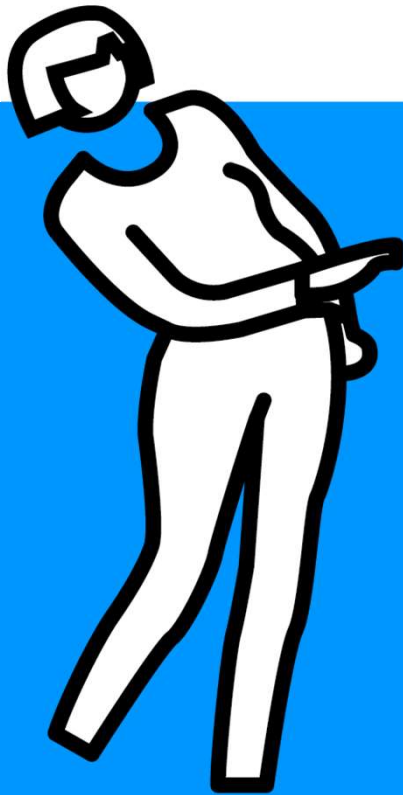
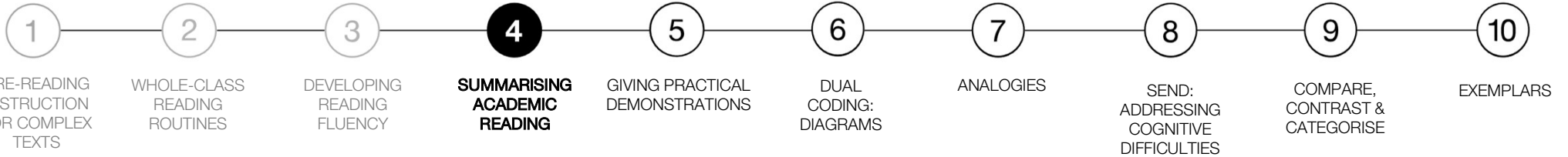


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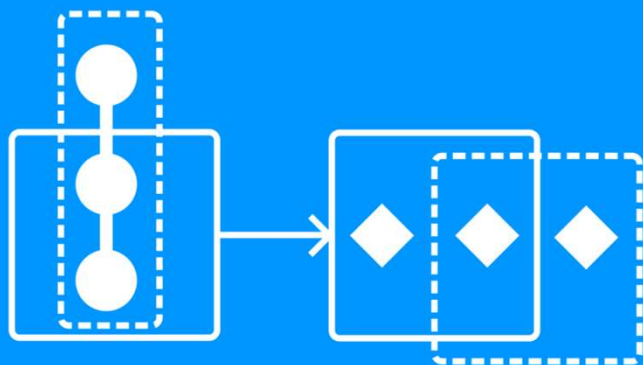
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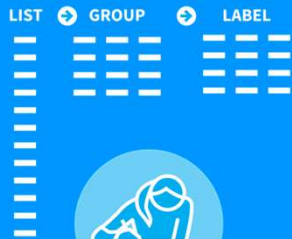


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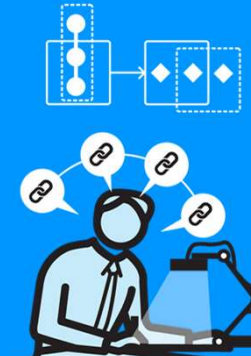
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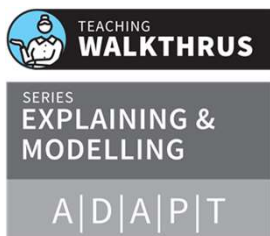
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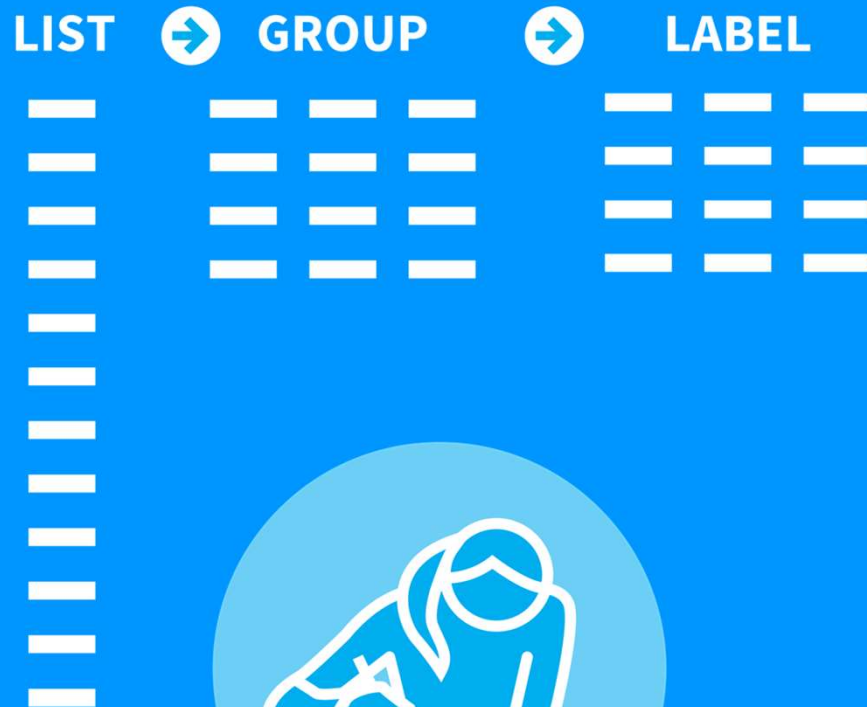
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LIST, GROUP, LABEL

- A well-established strategy to synthesise key information to summarise an academic text is *list, group, label*.
 - First, select a small number of key topics or ideas from the text.
 - Then list as many vocabulary items and ideas related to the category or categories.
 - Then cluster those words and ideas more accurately into sub-categories.
- This helps students make connections and develop a rich schema for the text.





SHRINK & SUMMARISE

- Novice readers can struggle to identify and isolate the most salient features in a given academic text.
- Explicitly model how to summarise in a concise, purposeful manner. e.g. **6-word summaries** are a quick, succinct approach to distilling the essential meaning of a text of any length.
- With practice, students can summarise independently in concise, precise ways.
- Encourage reflection on the success of single-sentence summaries.



PROMPT QUESTIONS

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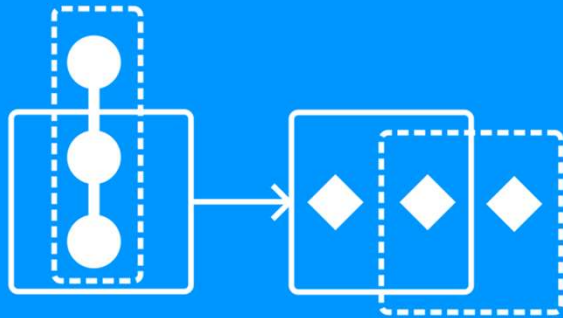
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SUPPORT YOUR SUMMARY

- Invite students to elaborate on their summary, providing supporting evidence, in written form or verbally.
- Self-explanation can help students better connect their developing schemas for any given text.
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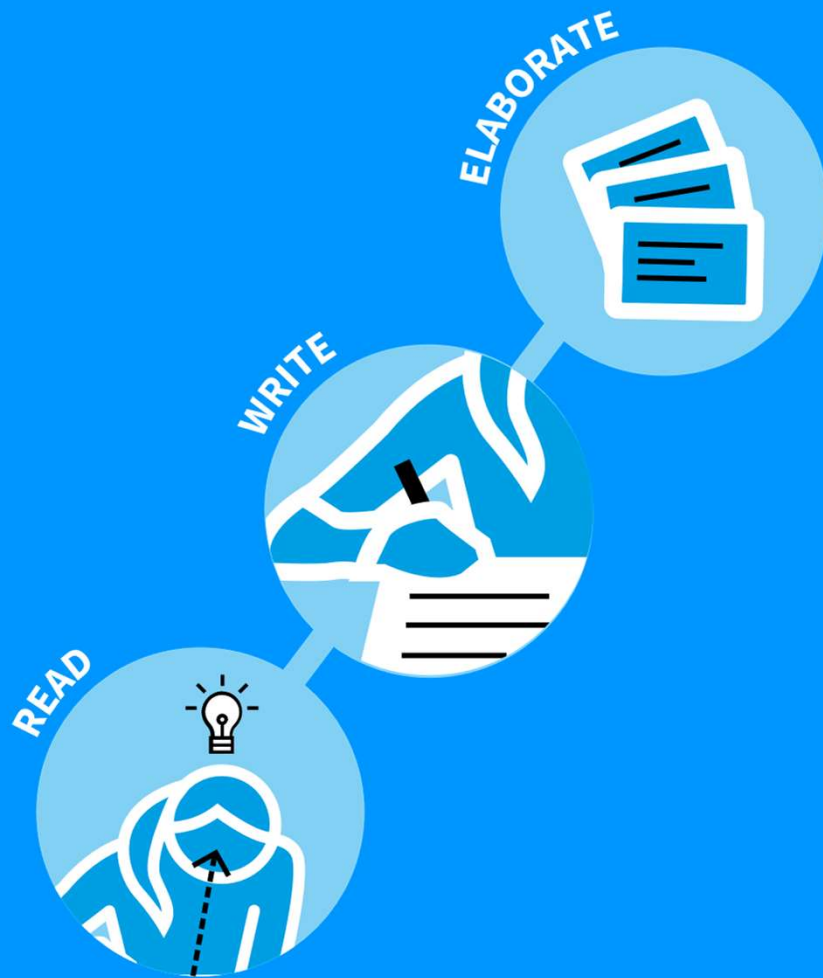




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- Novice students might fail to enact the schema-building strategies of expert readers. They read about genetics and inheritance in science, but fail to make connections to their prior reading and knowledge of living organisms and cells.
- Teachers can explicitly model *global inferences* with strategies such as visually mapping related topics. Ask students to zoom in on individual words and sentences, before then zooming out to the big picture of the text.





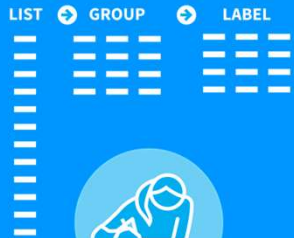
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- Writing about what you read provides a record of what has been read. Ample research indicates that elaborating on your reading enhances comprehension.
- Strategies, such as encouraging the design of summary flashcards, help students to explicitly transform the information from a given text and to summarise it in a concise record.
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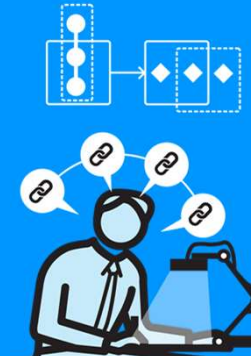
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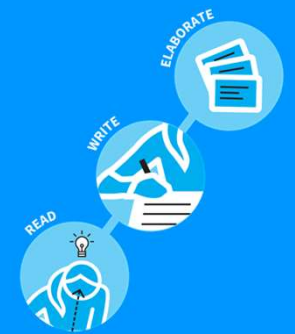
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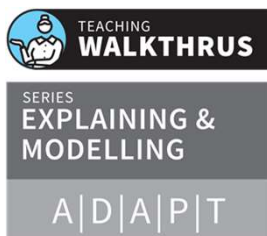
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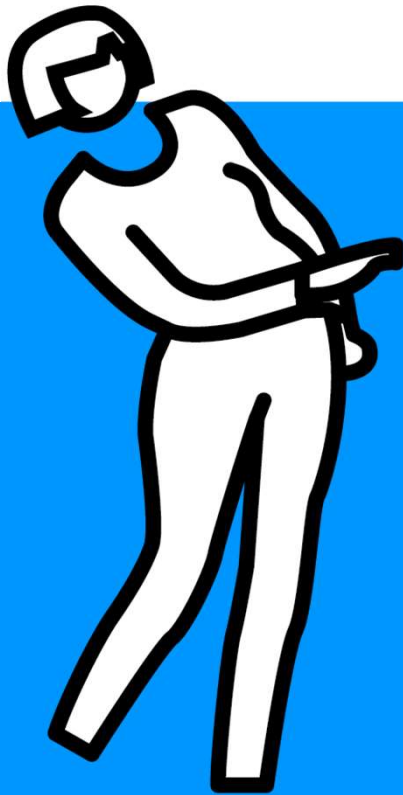
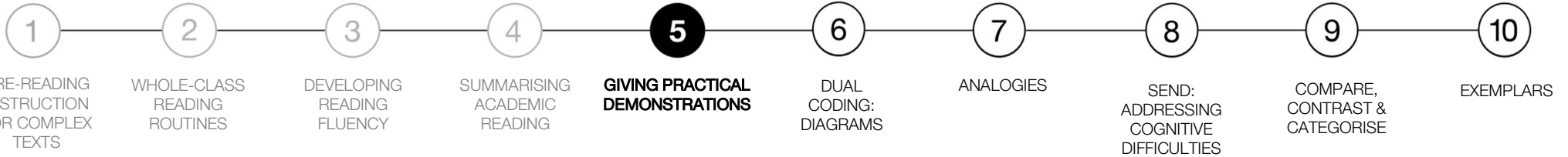
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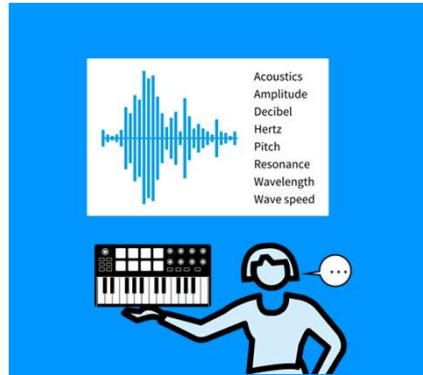
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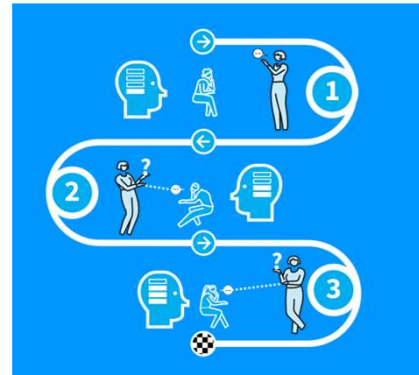
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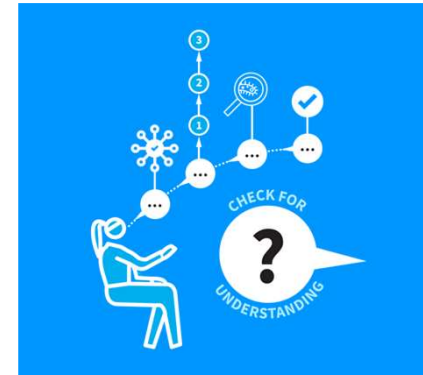
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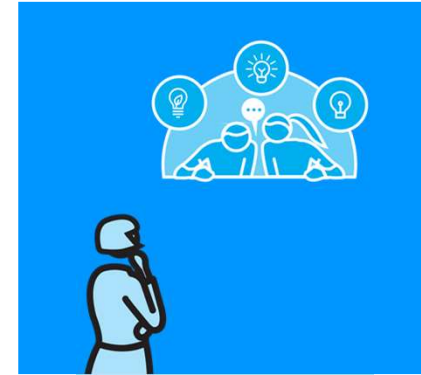
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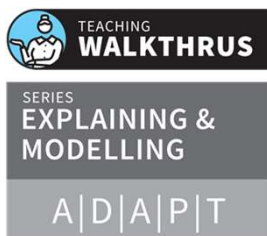
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SECURE ATTENTION

- Either use the routines in **Gather Around: Demonstrations and Stories**, initiating the procedure for students to move from their seats into their positions, giving full attention.
- Or position your visualiser so that students can all see the demonstration on the screen as you run through it. This can be useful for effects that can't be seen clearly by a whole class when gathered around.



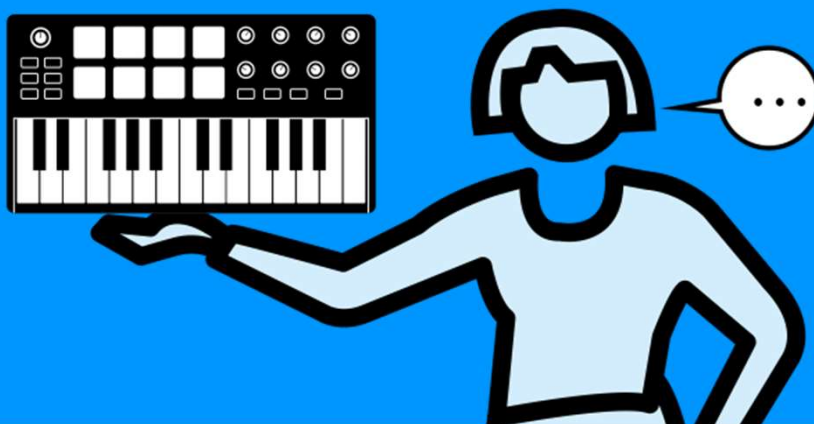
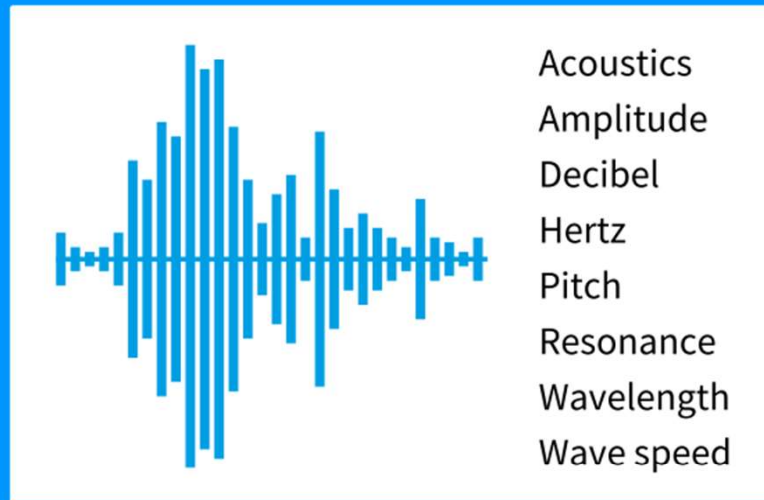
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SET THE SCENE

- Taking account of students' prior knowledge, explain the demonstration in the context of the wider curriculum.
- Teach the vocabulary they will need in order to explain what they see using **Deliberate Vocabulary Development**.
- Show diagrams alongside real-world equipment to show how schematic simplifications relate to what is seen.
- Cue up the demonstration, adjusting equipment as needed so students focus on the key effects they should observe.



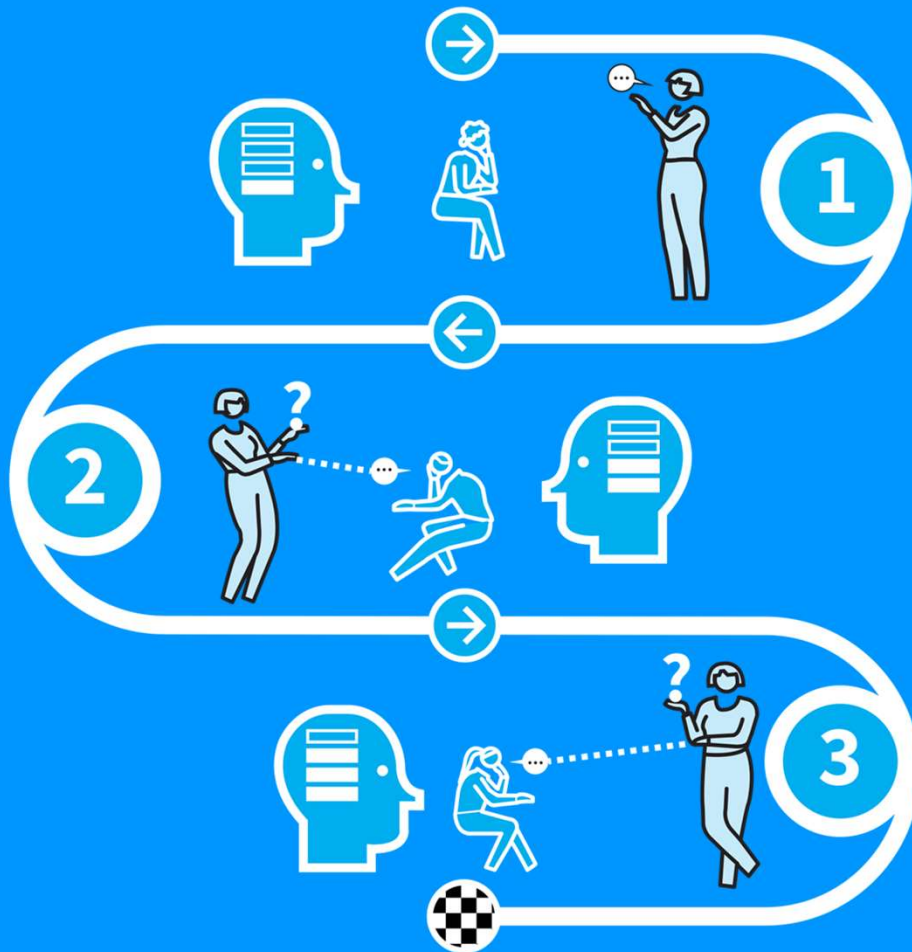
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DEMONSTRATE IN SMALL STEPS

- Taking account of cognitive load issues, run through the demonstration in small steps, making students think about what is happening, not only any dramatic *attention grabbing*.
- At key points, **Cold Call** to ask students what they are seeing, ensuring they rehearse using new terminology.
- They should be able to name tools, materials and apparatus. They should rehearse sequences of steps mentally and verbally, in the correct order.



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CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

- Make it an explicit aim that all students can explain what they see, connecting what is seen to concepts and models.
- Ask probing questions so students:
 - Explain what they are observing.
 - Give reasons for steps in a procedure.
 - Relate observation to theory.
 - Predict and explain cause-and-effect relationships between inputs and outputs.
 - Test predictions.





CONSOLIDATE THE LEARNING

- There is a risk that some students will have been watching without learning much. After a demonstration, set all students a generative task to check.
- This should require them to process the knowledge gained from watching and listening, connecting to prior knowledge and interrogating their understanding.
- Without this, episodic memory of watching a demonstration can easily override the deeper conceptual understanding you may be aiming at.

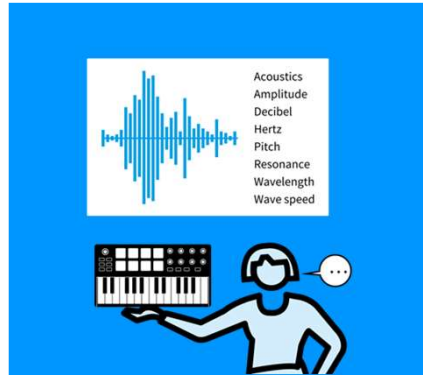


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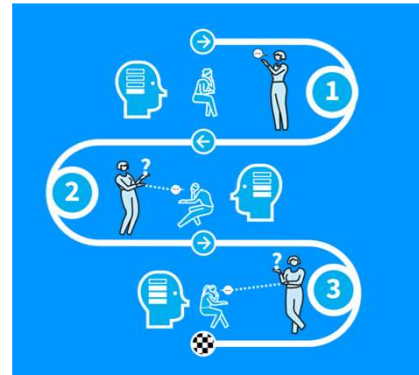
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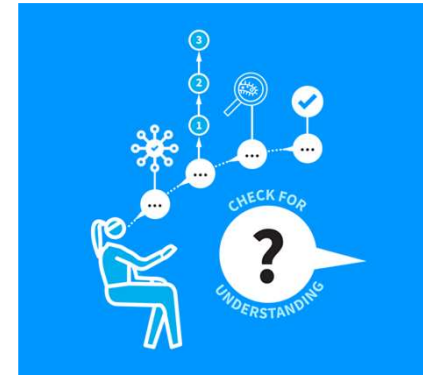
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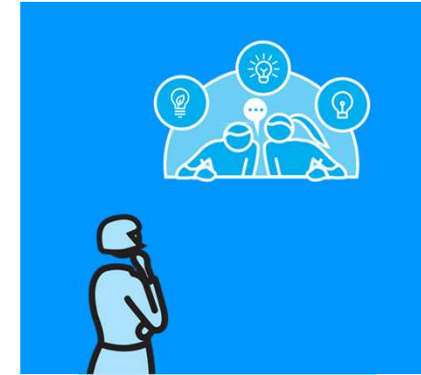
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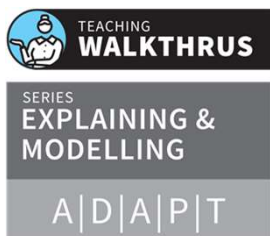
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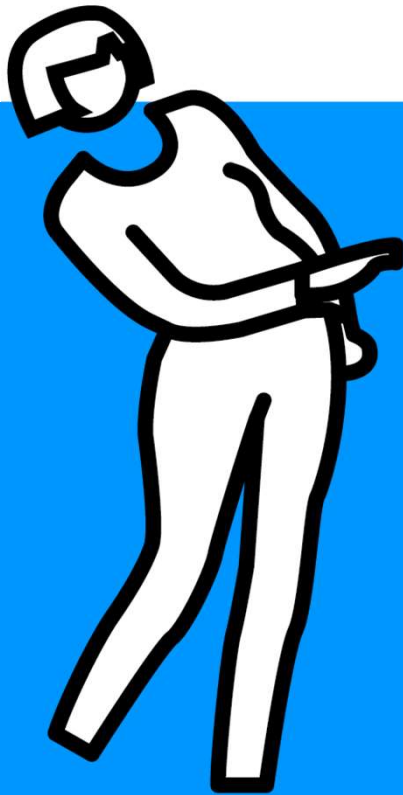
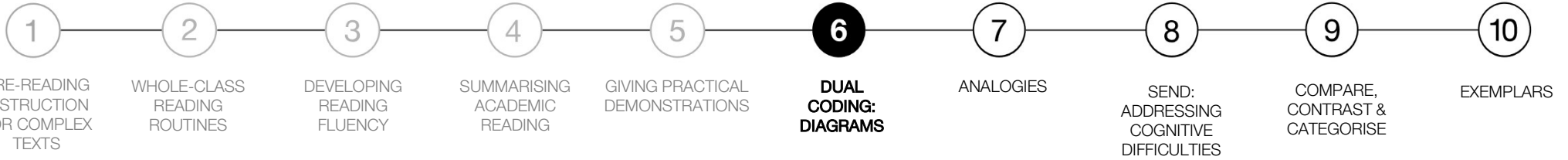
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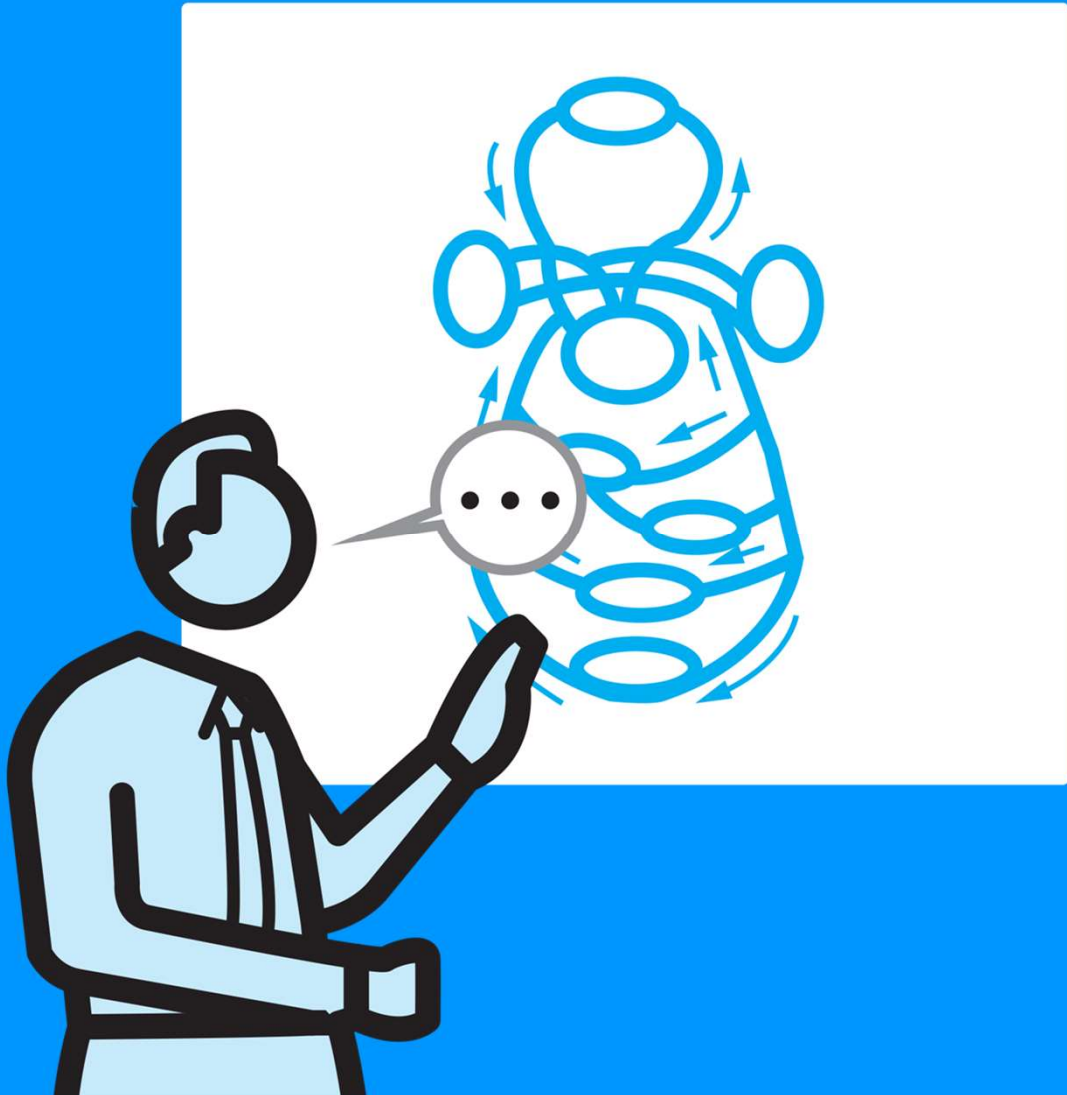


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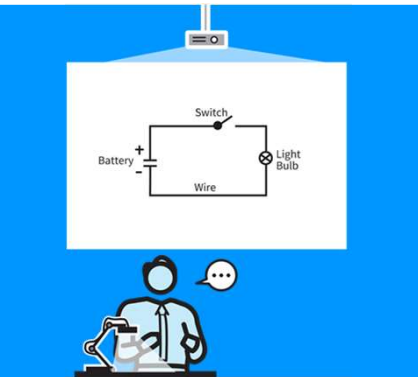


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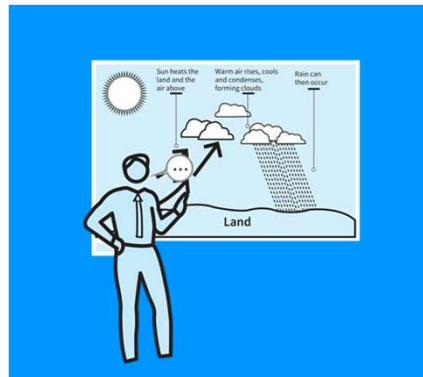
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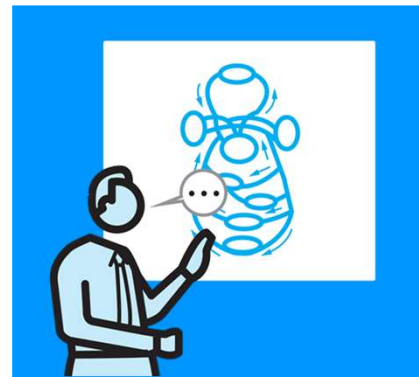
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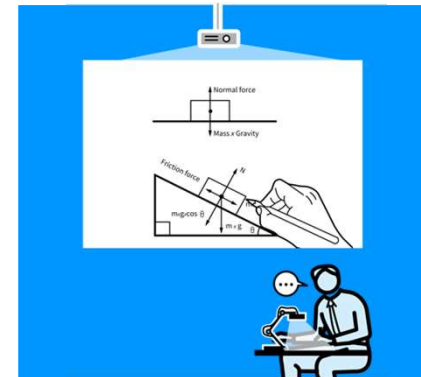
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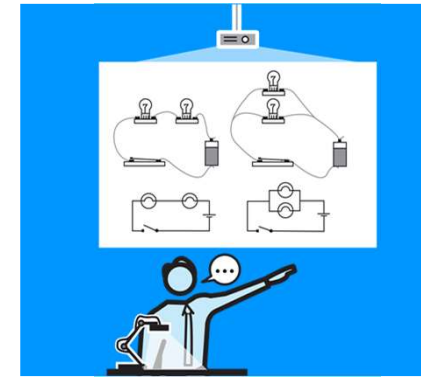
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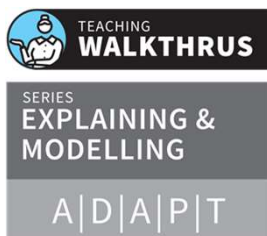
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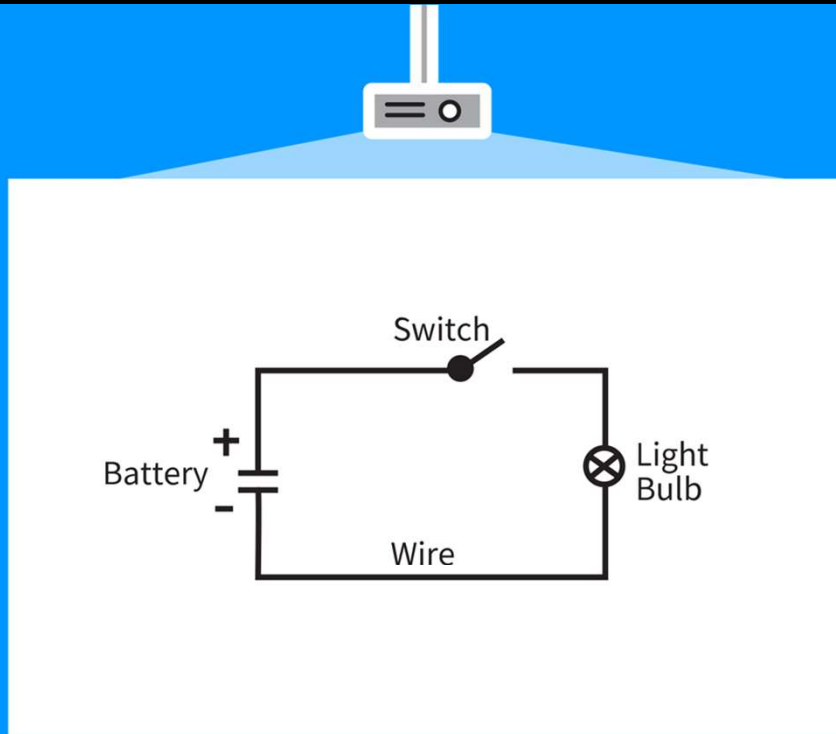
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ESTABLISH A VISUAL OR SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE

- Before diagrams can be used routinely, teach students the common symbols. Make a table or list to check students' recall and understanding over time.
- Connect symbols to real-life objects and processes, e.g. how:
 - real electrical circuits and circuit diagrams relate.
 - chemical symbols relate to particle diagrams and word equations.
 - arrows represent forces and flows.
 - timelines work.



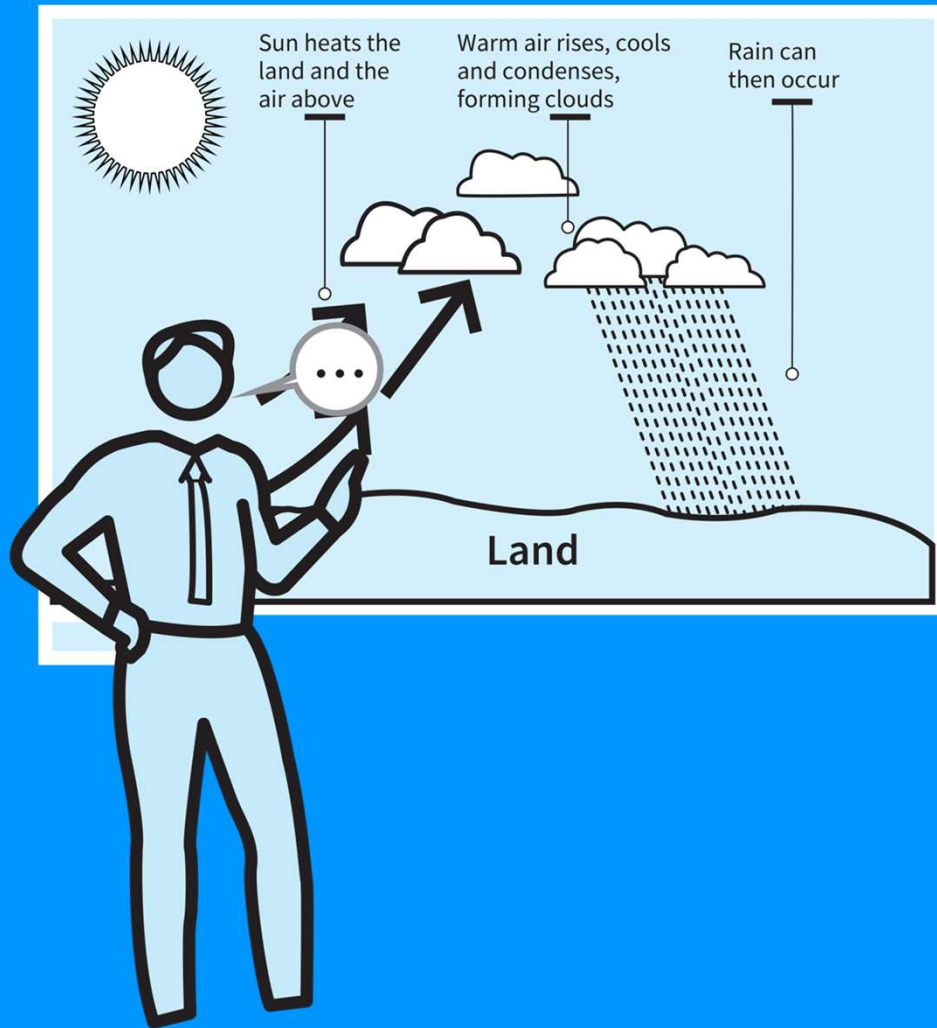
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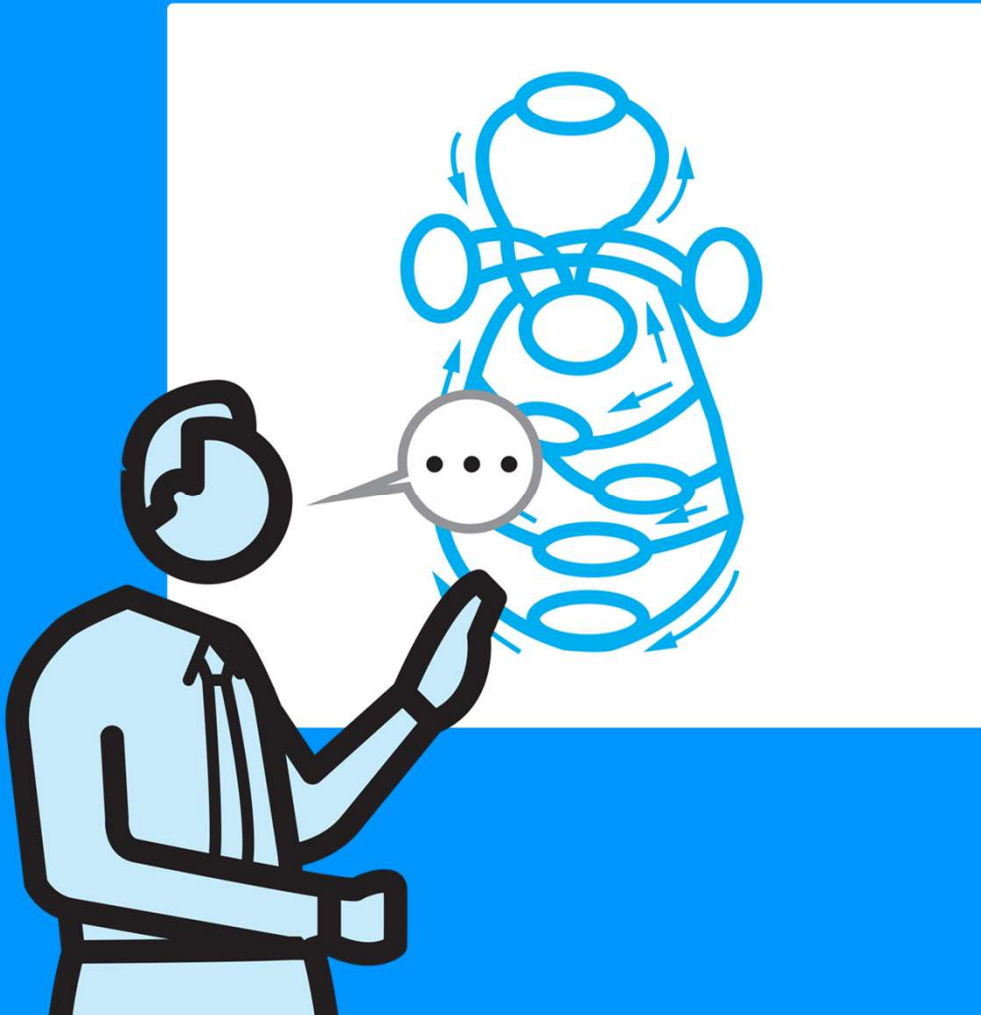
- Strip out all material not essential to explain the concepts you are teaching.
- Keep symbols as simple as possible, while ensuring they remain identifiable.
- Use block shapes instead of detailed pictorial representations so diagrams are easy to produce and manipulate.
- Remove the background or any objects not involved in the processes.



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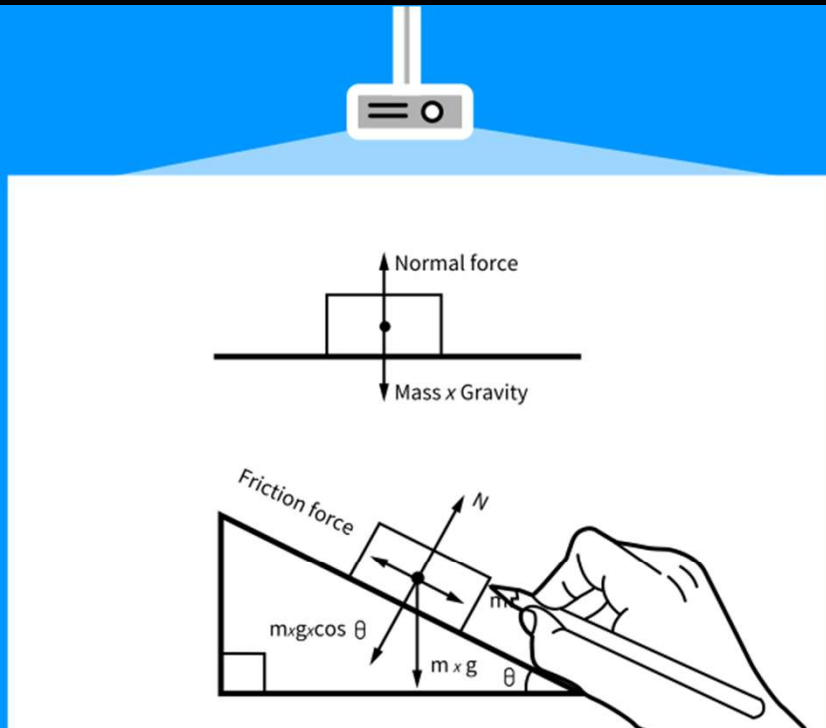
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- Teach students how you represent dynamic processes as well as static situations:
 - Use arrows to show moving from *before* to *after* in any process.
 - Establish a code for moving in certain directions or rotating.
 - Use flow diagram symbols to show procedures and decision points with different possible outcomes.



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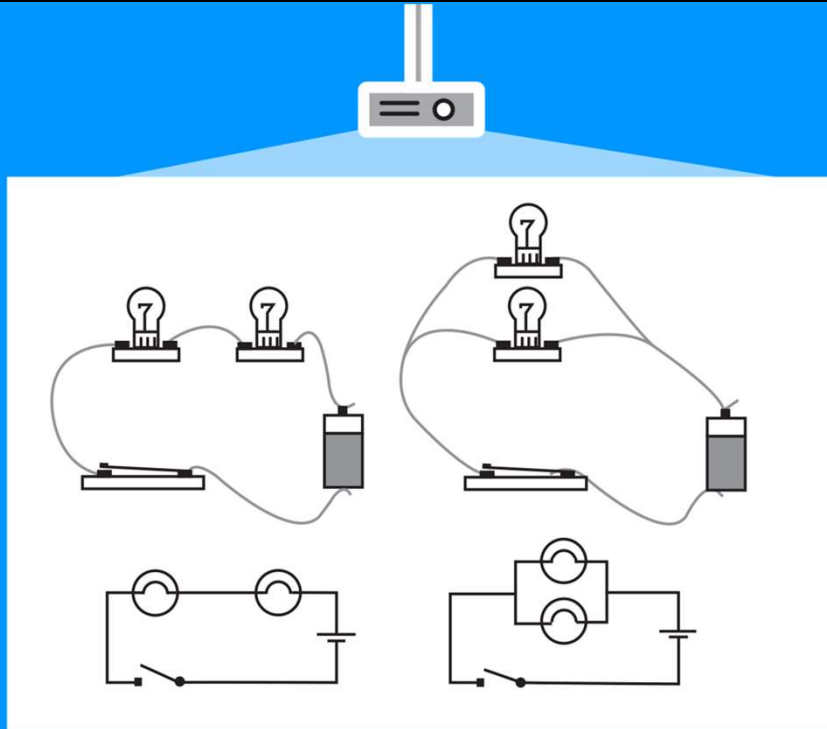
- Diagrams can work as static representations, but it is powerful to create them in real time supporting a verbal explanation.
- Using a visualiser or whiteboard, capture the steps of your explanation in symbolic form.
- This helps students see processes develop, visualising changes as they occur, exploring causal links, reinforcing the verbal narrative.



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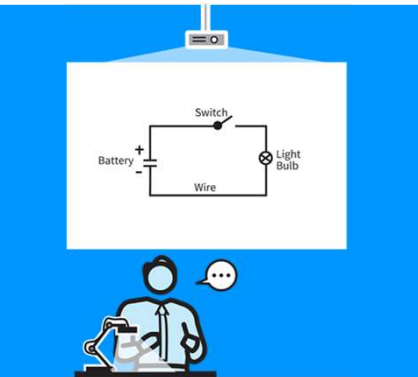
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- Ensure students can translate diagrams back into real situations. This can include asking them to:
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 - provide a narrative of a change process following steps in a diagram.
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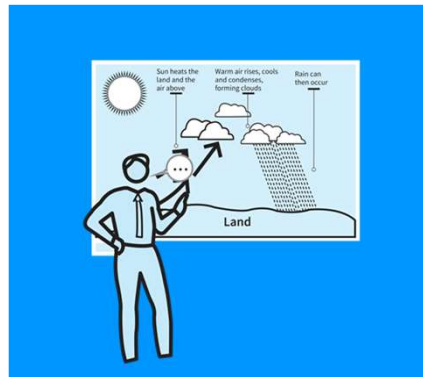


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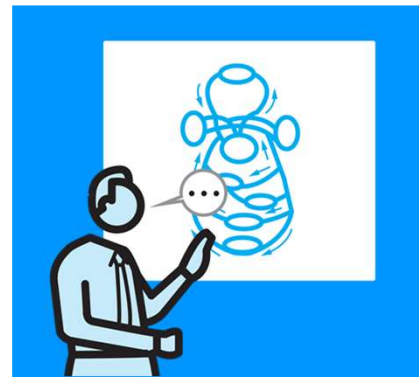
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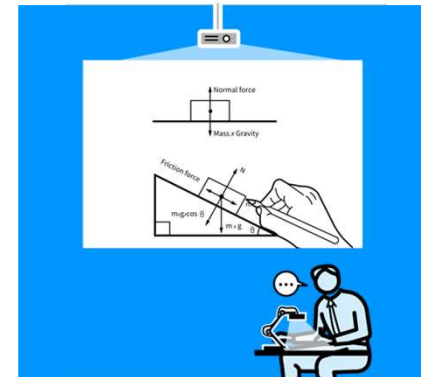
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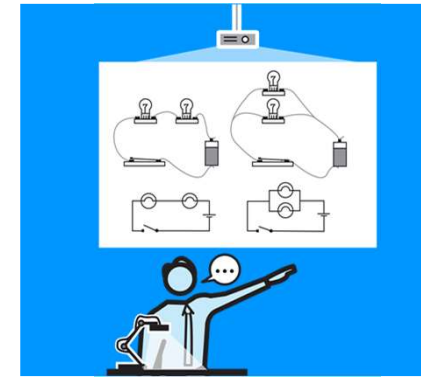
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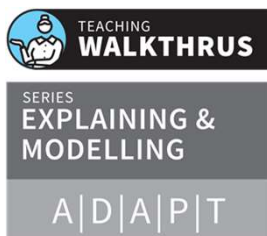
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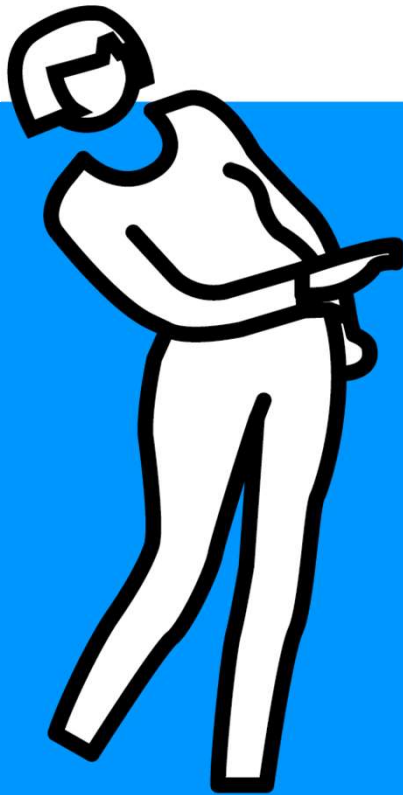
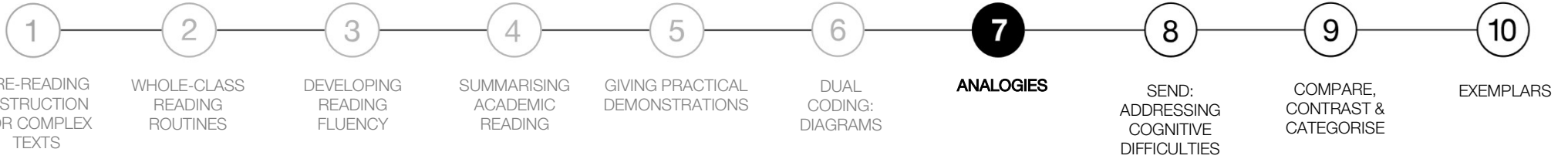
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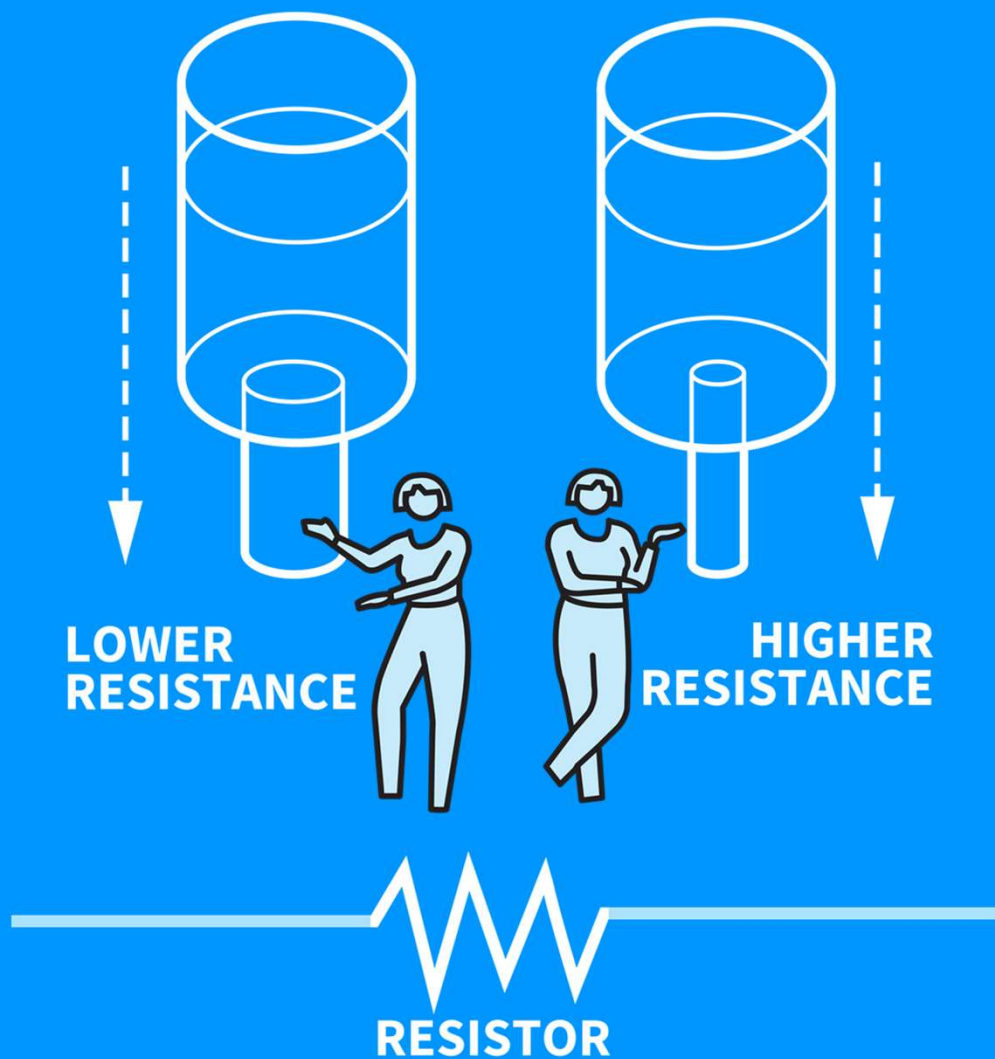


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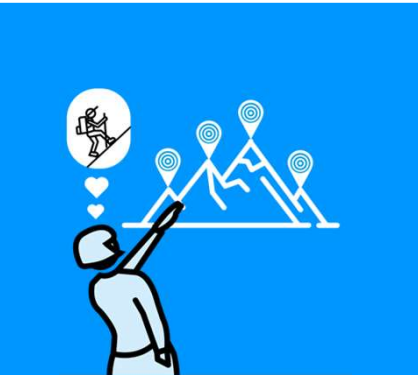


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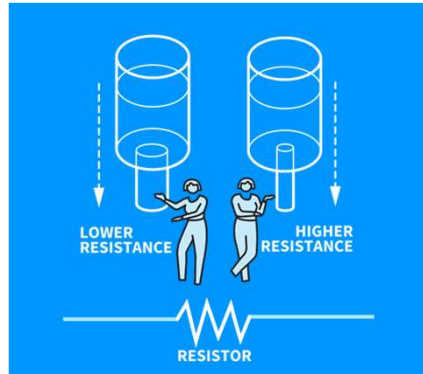
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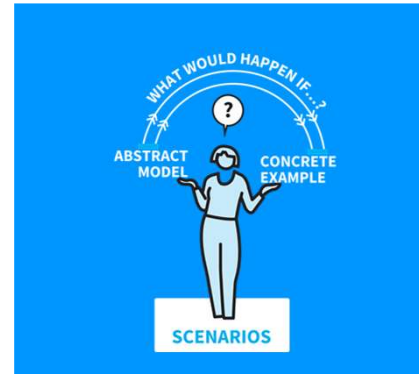
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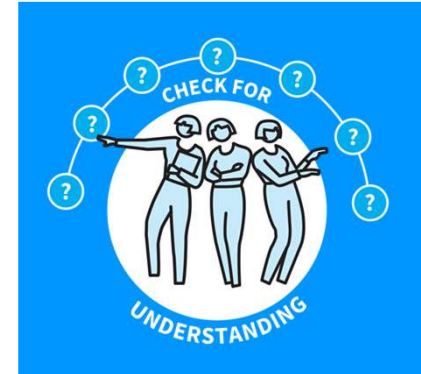
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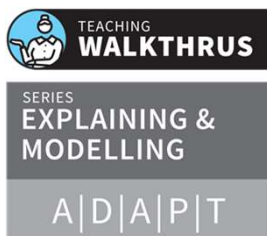
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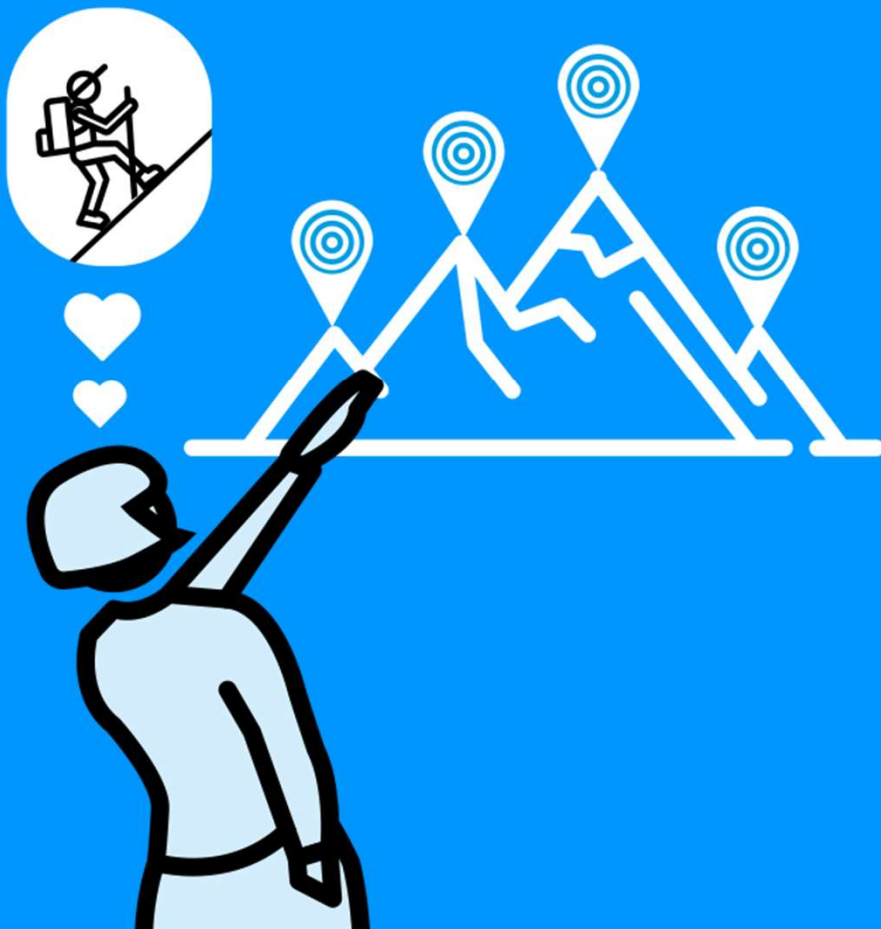
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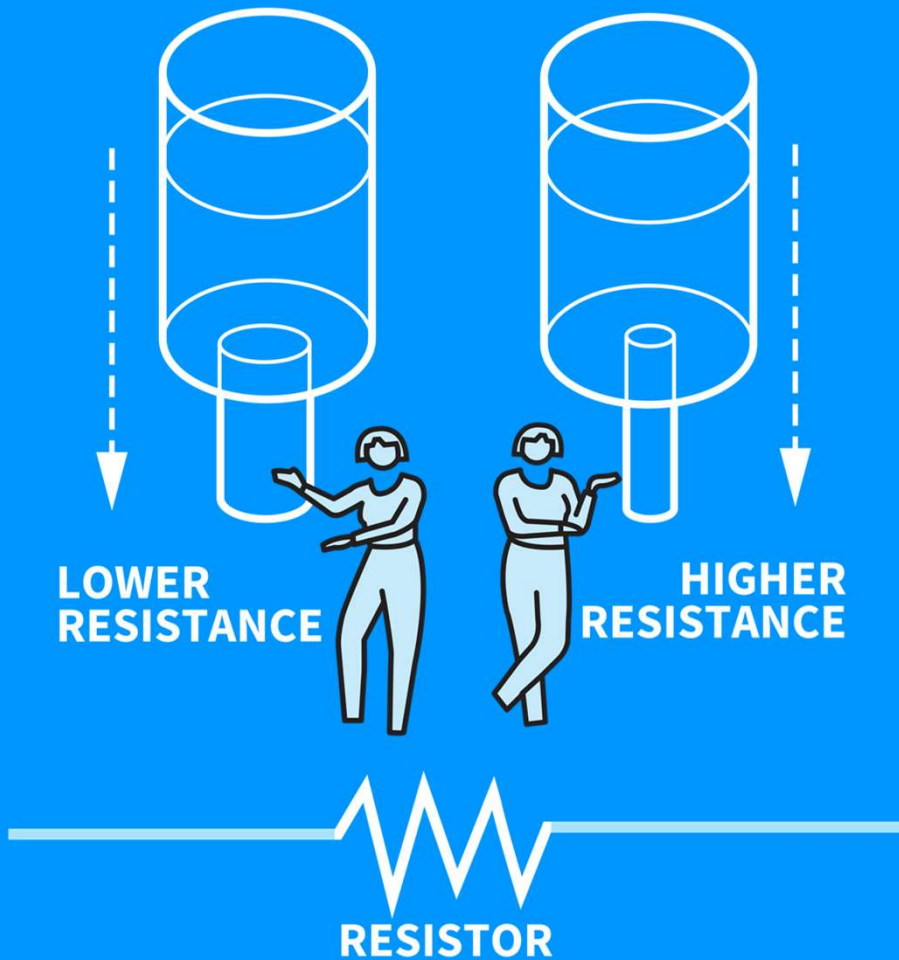
- In the schema-building model of learning, we only really learn new material if it makes sense in terms of things we already know. Knowledge builds on knowledge.
- New abstract conceptual ideas can sometimes be best understood by constructing an analogy, referencing the behaviours of something familiar and more concrete.
- If we understand how a concrete example behaves, it helps make sense of the more abstract or less familiar idea.



CONSTRUCT ANALOGIES BASED ON FAMILIAR CONTEXTS

- Established analogies within subjects are normally successful because they connect to familiar contexts:
 - With electricity, an analogy builds on the properties of water flowing in a system of pipes.
 - Mountain climbing by taking small steps relates to numerous goal-setting scenarios.
 - Sporting analogies can help explain competitive attack/defence situations like battles.

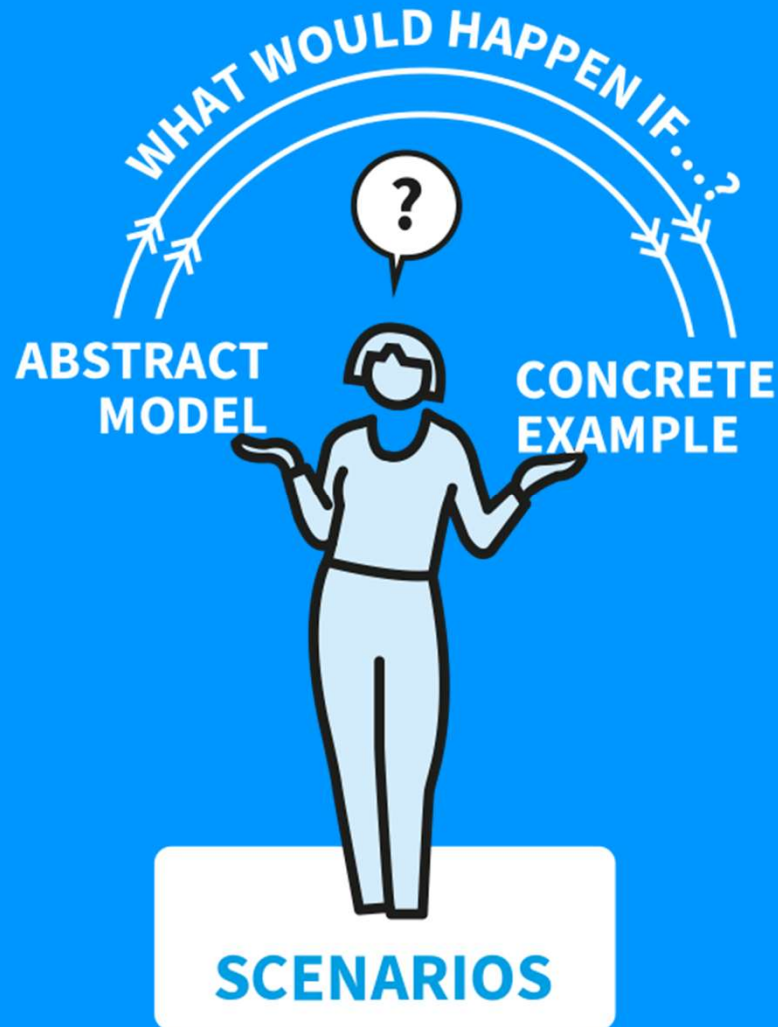




ESTABLISH THE PARALLELS EXPLICITLY

- Make very explicit links that explain the different features of the analogy.
 - With electricity, rate of water flow is analogous to electrical current. Thinner pipes make it more difficult for the water to flow, analogous to higher electrical resistance.
 - A bank overdraft is analogous to negative numbers. Borrowing more makes a total more negative.
- **Check for Understanding** carefully.





TEST THE ANALOGY IN DIFFERENT SCENARIOS

- With parallel elements established, ask how the concrete examples behave:
 - a. What happens to the rate of water flow if we make the pipes wider?*
 - b. What happens to my bank balance if I pay back some debt?*
- Link this to the way the analogous abstract example behaves:
 - a. The electrical current increases if we reduce the resistance.*
 - b. I move in the positive direction if I take away a negative number.*





ESTABLISH THE LIMITS EXPLICITLY

- Don't stretch an analogy too far:
 - If talking about *taking away cold* with a thermometer analogy for negative numbers, the physical reality of this becomes dubious.
 - Opposing armies and football teams are only similar to a degree!
- Discuss the limits and ask questions:
 - In the water flow electricity analogy, can there be drops of electricity? What is analogous to voltage?





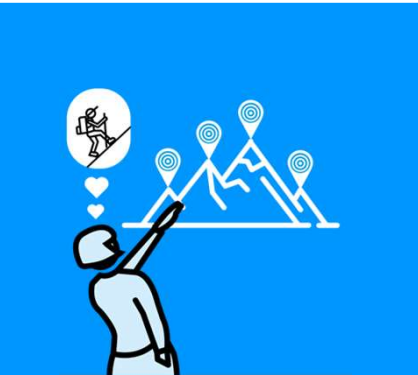
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- Analogies are useful if they help to bridge from concrete prior knowledge to new abstract ideas. Make sure that this has happened through forms of questioning and formative assessment.
- **Check for Understanding** to sample the class and establish whether the analogy is helping.
- Be prepared to add detail to the analogy or to try a different one until the abstract concepts start to make sense.

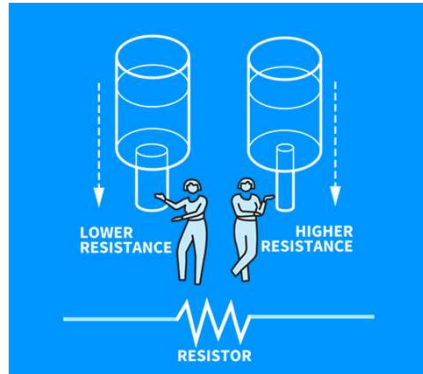


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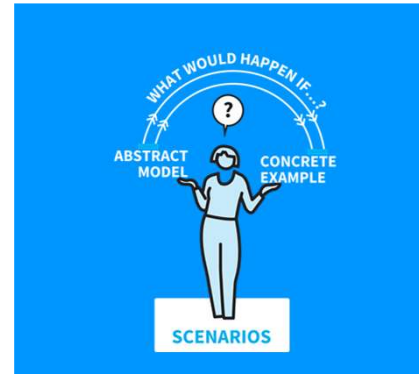
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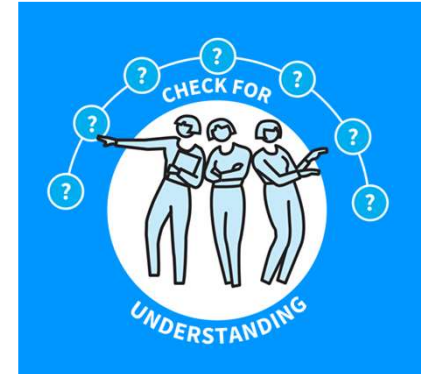
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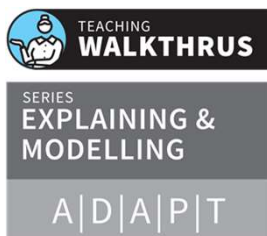
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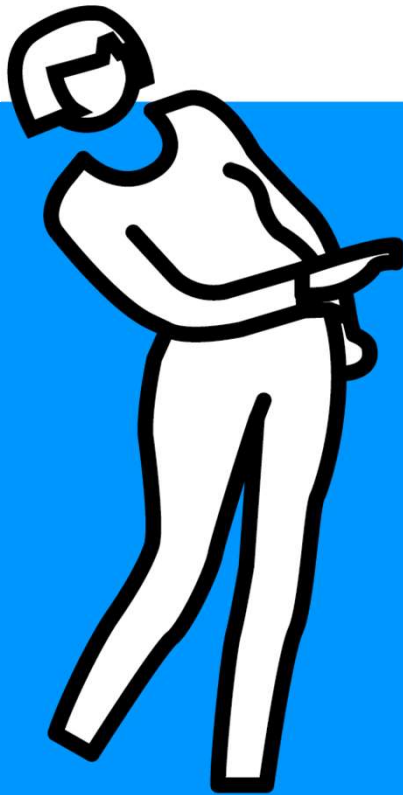
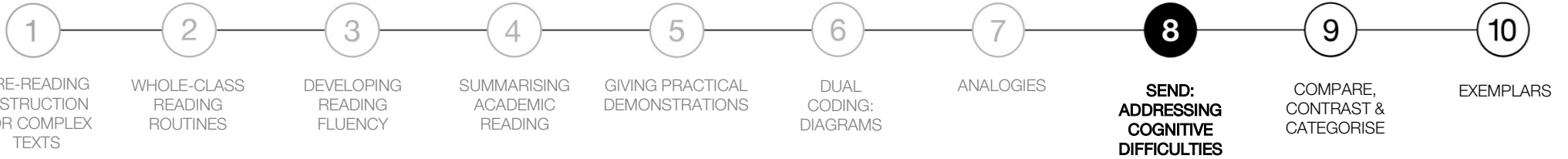
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CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING



- In the schema-building model of learning, we only really learn new material if it makes sense in terms of things we already know. Knowledge builds on knowledge.
- New abstract conceptual ideas can sometimes be best understood by constructing an analogy, referencing the behaviours of something familiar and more concrete.
- If we understand how a concrete example behaves, it helps make sense of the more abstract or less familiar idea.



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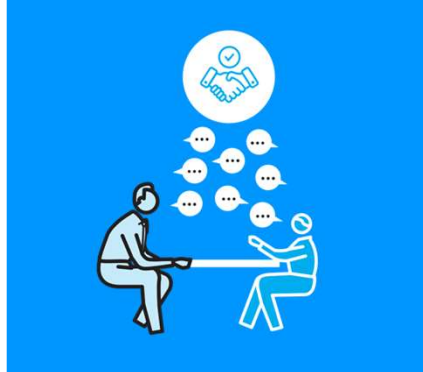
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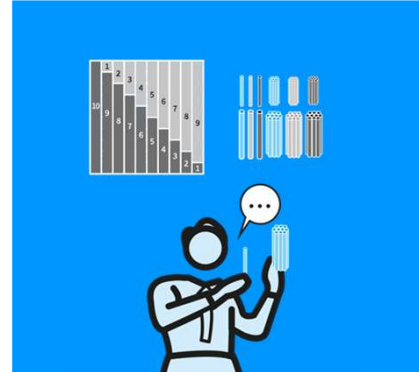
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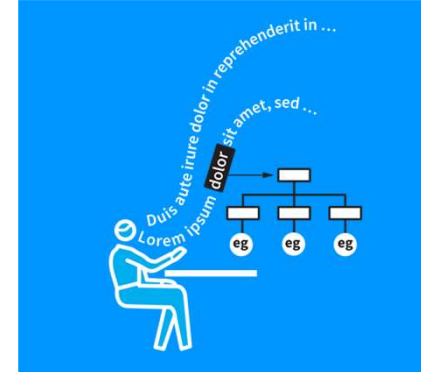
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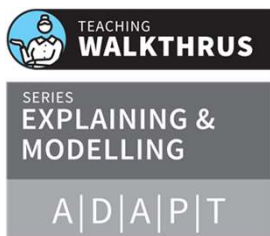
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FIND AND BUILD ON SECURE GROUND

- However difficult a student finds the learning, they have a baseline of things they can do successfully.
- Find out what that baseline is and use it as a platform for building from:
 - aspects of literacy and language
 - communication skills
 - personal confidence
 - past knowledge and experience
 - physical skills
 - mental or spatial models

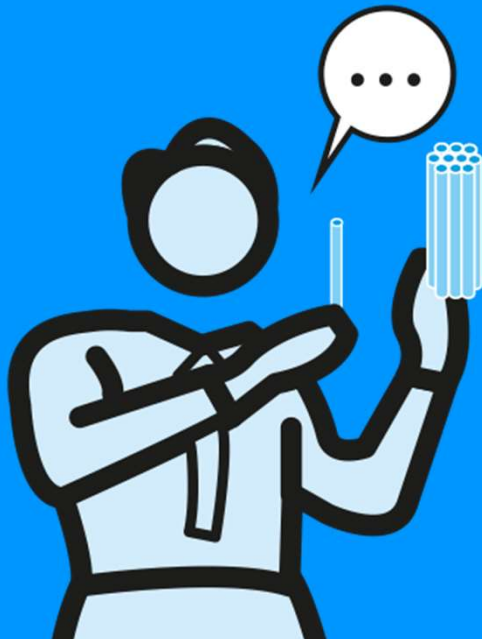
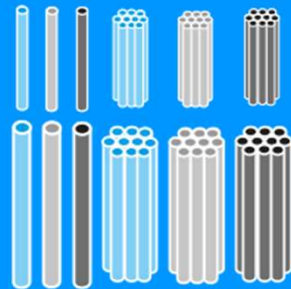
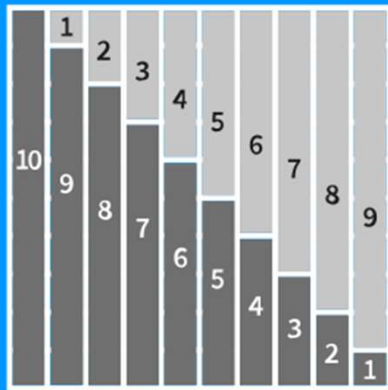




IDENTIFY PRECISE BARRIERS

- Through the course of teaching or via forms of assessment, find out exactly where students struggle.
- The more precise you are, the more you can design appropriate scaffolds, practice tasks or interventions. Balance support with high expectations.
- Sometimes students can tell you where they start to struggle; dialogue with students, support teachers and parents is also very important.

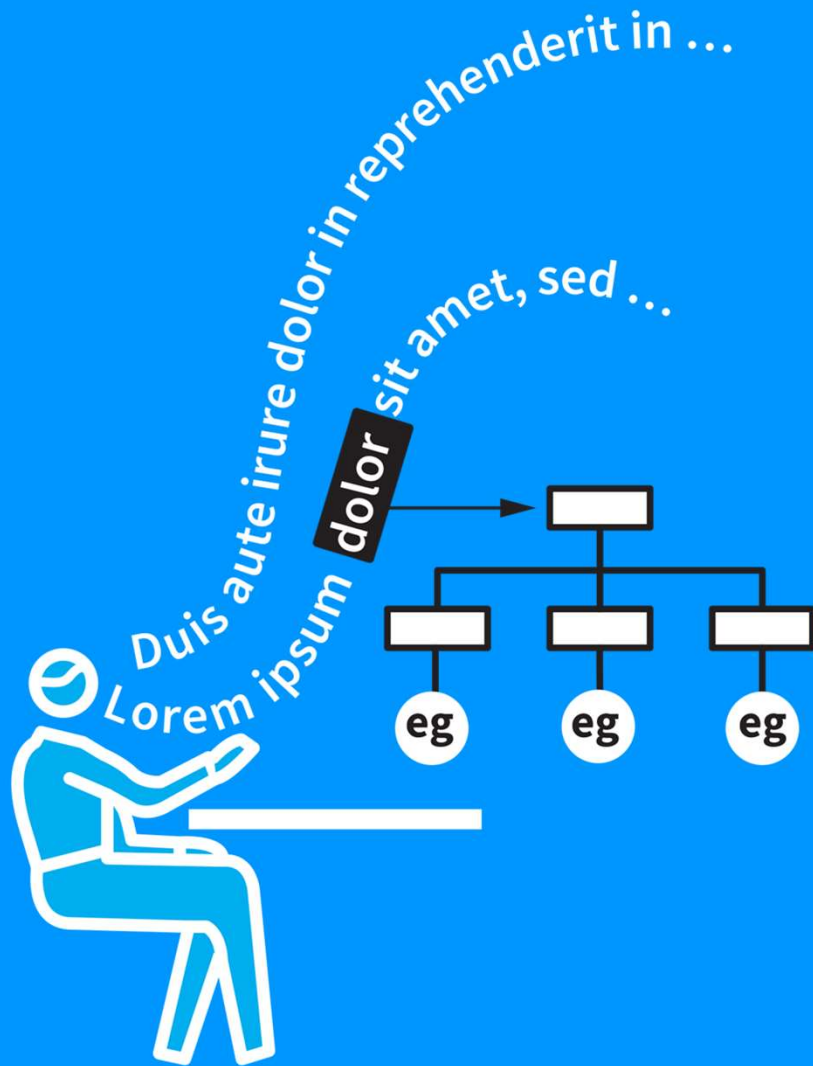




KEEP CONCEPTS AS CONCRETE AS POSSIBLE

- Cognitive difficulties are often most evident when learning moves from concrete to abstract.
- e.g. in maths, build solid understanding of number and place value using concrete resources – rods, counters, shapes, patterns of objects – making sense of operations in a concrete realm.
- Meanings of new words or abstract models for scientific phenomena need to relate to the world students can understand.





REINFORCE LANGUAGE ELEMENTS

- Give students plenty of practice with key vocabulary both in terms of meaning and fluency.
- Connect words to objects or phenomena very explicitly with fluency-building activities so they use language with confidence in the appropriate contexts.
- SEND students may lack confidence, making teachers anxious about putting them under pressure – but this should not lead to them being engaged less or getting less practice than they need.





EMPHASISE GUIDED PRACTICE

- Follow ideas in **Guided Practice** extensively. Build confidence by supporting students to succeed in a task, prompting and scaffolding as much as is needed to secure a positive successful outcome.
- Then, repeat this with less guidance and support.
- Avoid the scenario of stress-inducing floundering; withdraw support steadily as students' confidence and fluency improves.

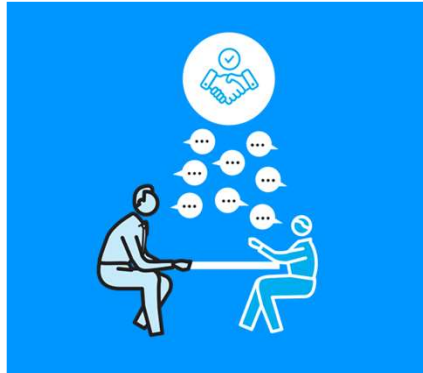


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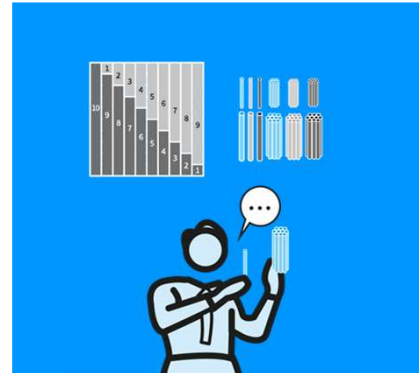
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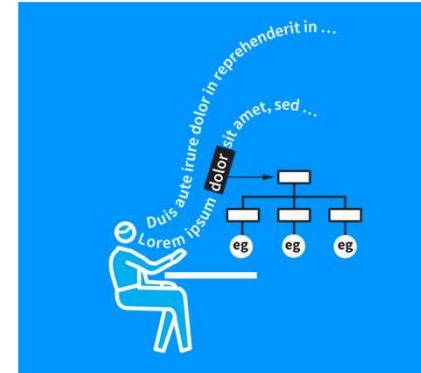
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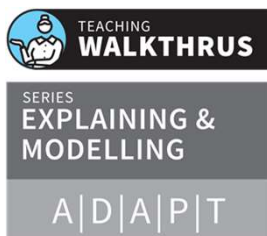
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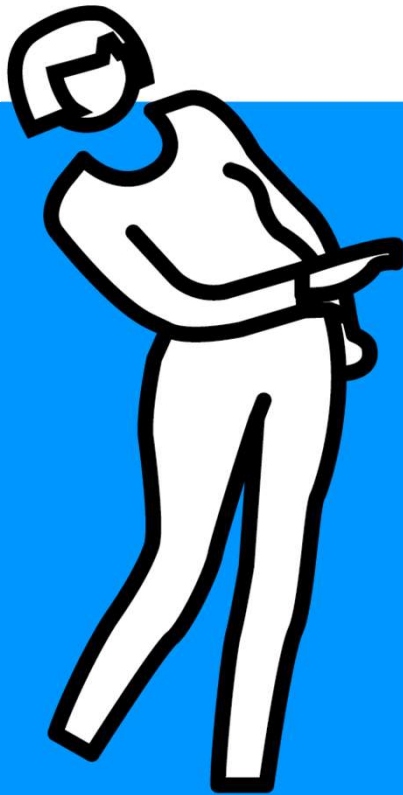
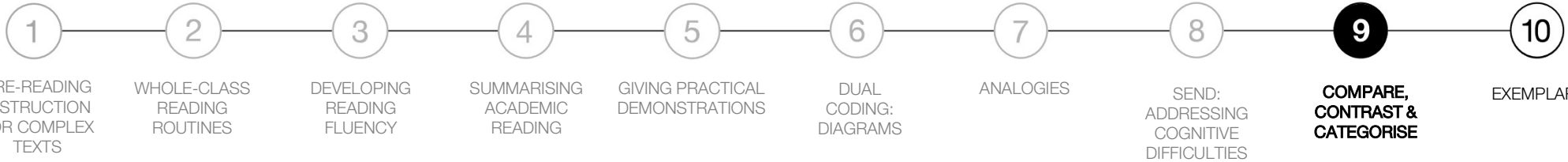
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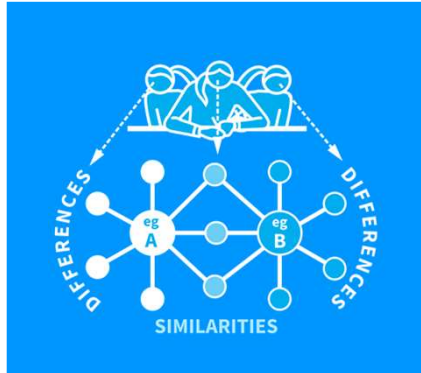
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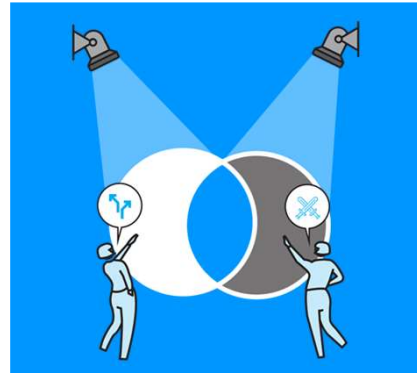
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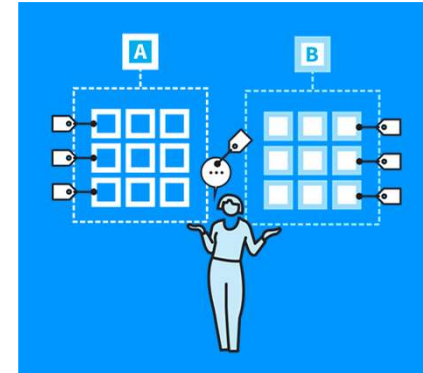
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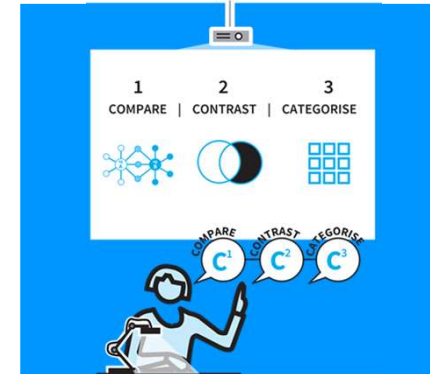
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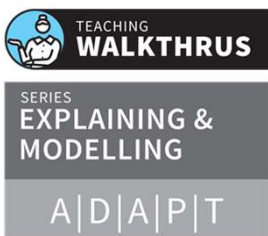
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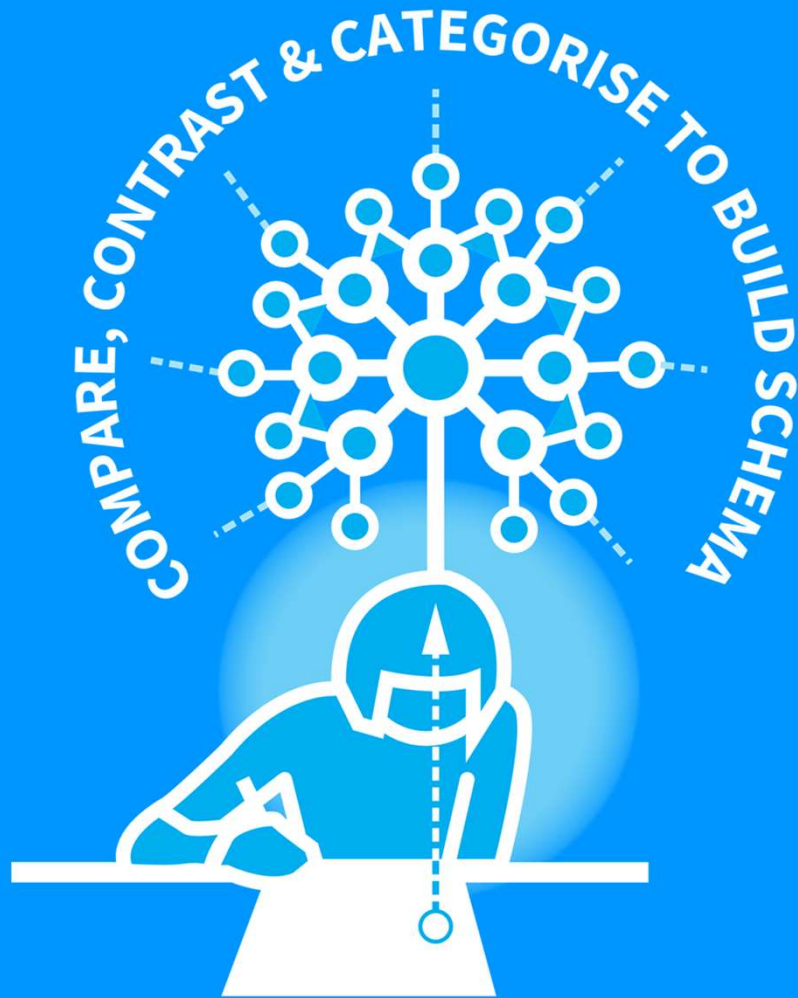
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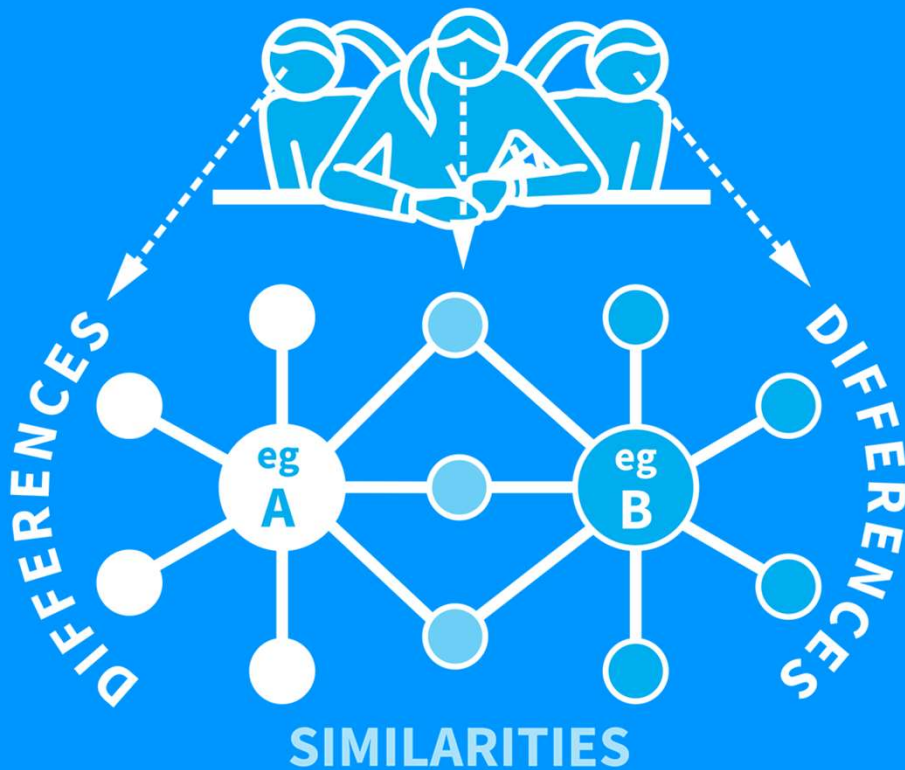
- Students encounter ideas in complex, unpredictable ways, then face the challenge of making sense of them.
- Explaining ideas using the 3Cs helps students to make sense of concepts by front-loading the sorting process, presenting ideas in an organised fashion, deliberately and purposefully.
- They still need to make sense of the ideas for themselves but the modelling and scaffolding embedded in the 3Cs supports the process.



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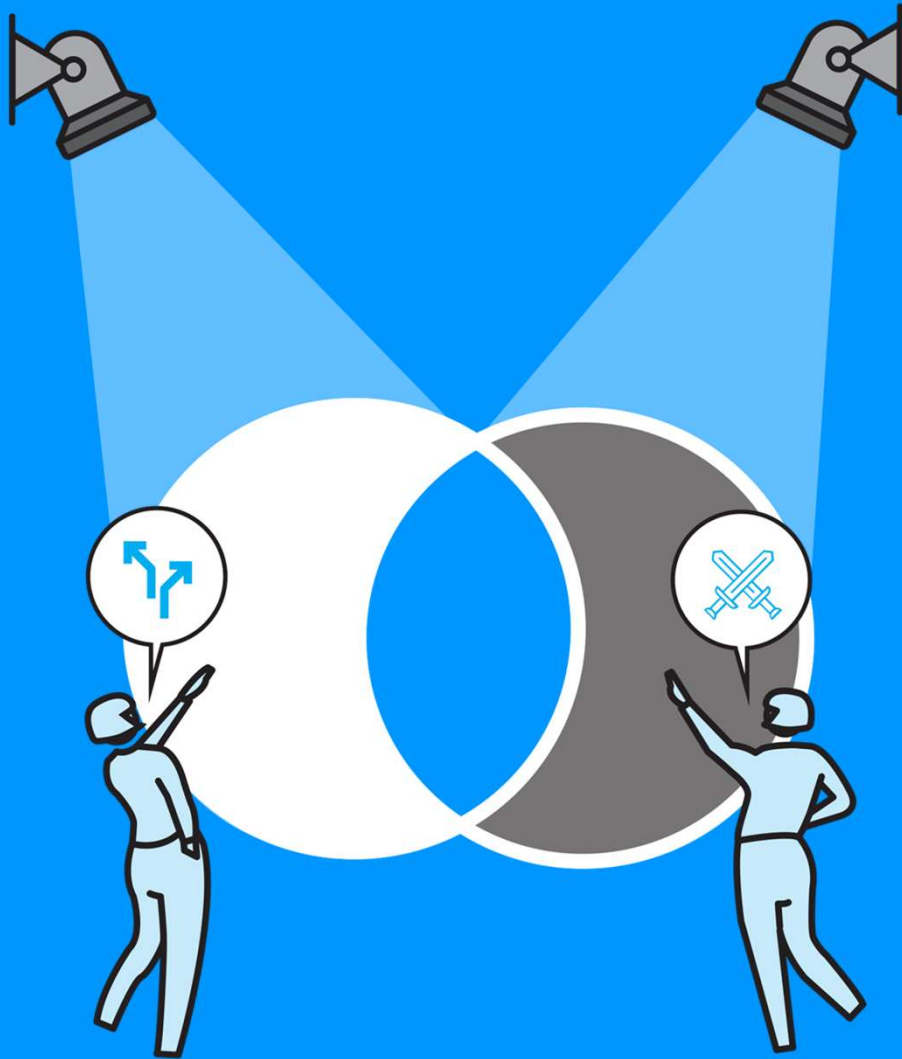
COMPARE: LOOK FOR SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

- Features of different examples are often better understood by comparing them than by studying them in isolation:
 - A range of perspectives and beliefs
 - Examples of art, music, literature,
 - Exemplars of writing – quality, style
 - Competing methods or explanations
- Set up two or more examples and engage students in looking for and describing similarities and differences.



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CONTRAST: EMPHASISE DIFFERENCES, ALTERNATIVES, CONFLICTS

- Contrast: a specific form of comparison, emphasising differences to form a deeper understanding of each example:
 - Which is more effective?
 - Which best explains what we see?
 - How are the perspectives different?
 - Can they both be right?
- Ask students to rank examples in terms of accuracy, quality and effectiveness to explore their different features.



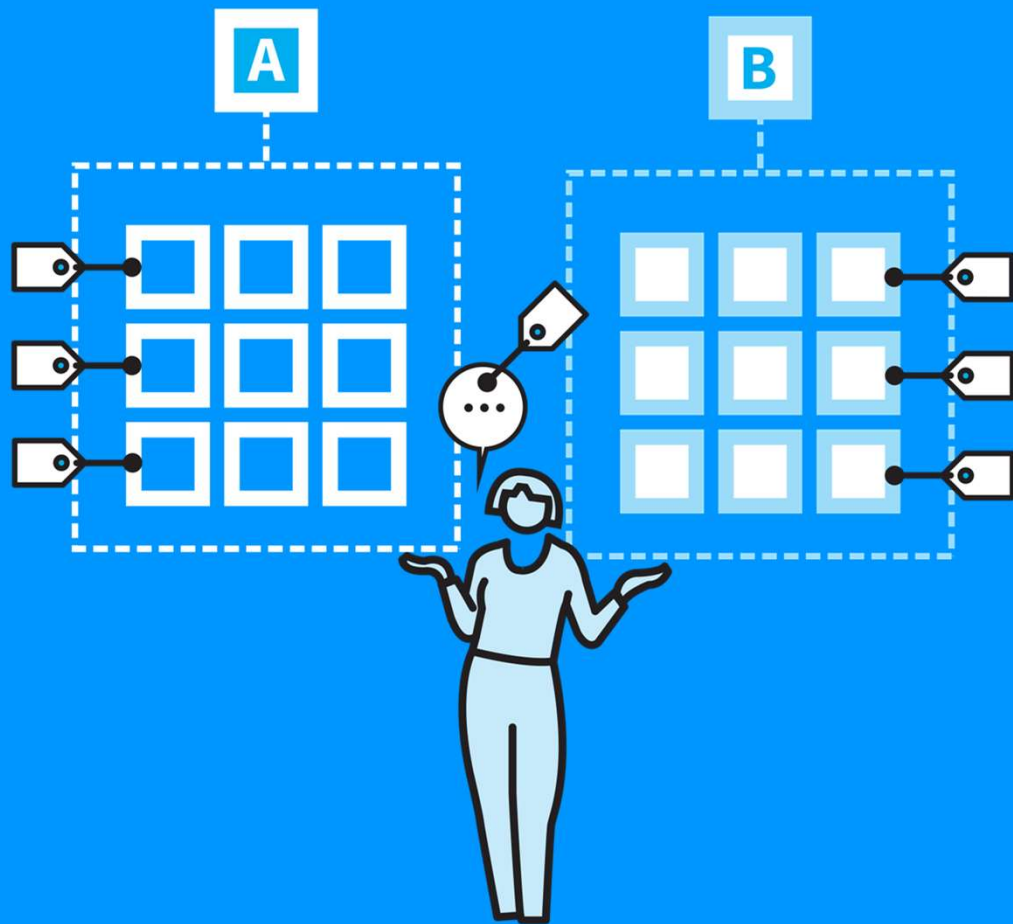
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CATEGORISE: DEFINE, SELECT AND ORGANISE

- Present ideas to engage students in understanding defining characteristics of different categories then organising examples according to the definitions:
- *types of materials, living things, energy sources, genres, art movements, grammar terms, cases in languages, historical periods, facts and beliefs.*
- More generally, common categories are
 - advantages and disadvantages
 - positive and negative effects



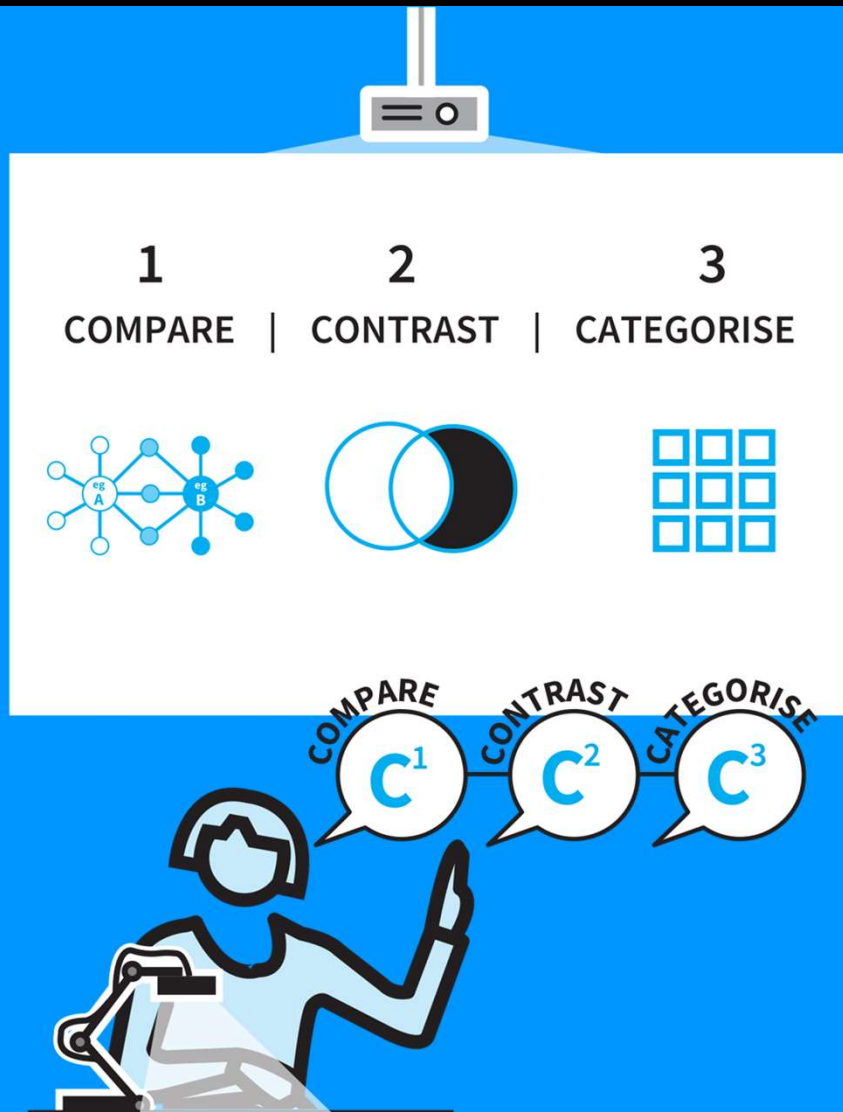
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APPLY 3Cs IN NEW CONTEXTS

- Model how to compare, contrast and categorise using familiar examples, and check for understanding.
- Then, introduce unfamiliar examples so students apply knowledge of defined categories or features of high and low quality examples to evaluate and organise examples independently.
- Vary the level of guidance according to students' success.
- Include 3Cs questions as part of **Weekly & Monthly Review**.



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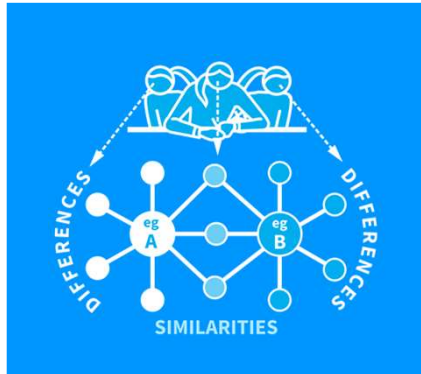
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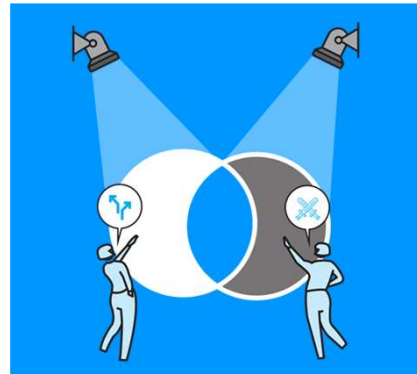
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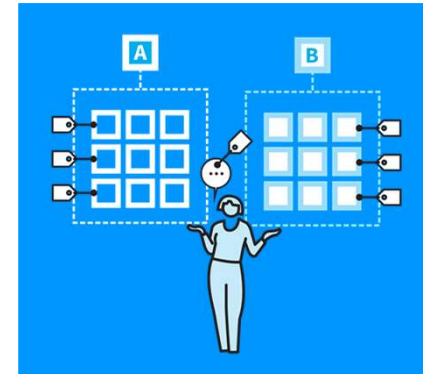
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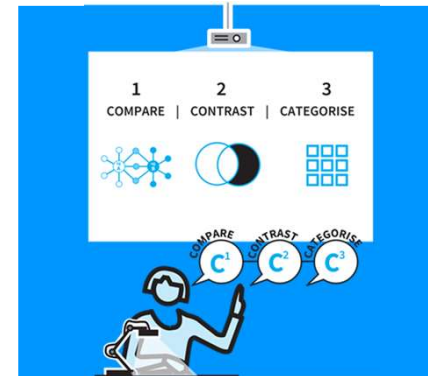
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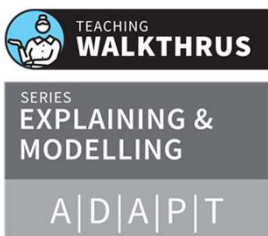
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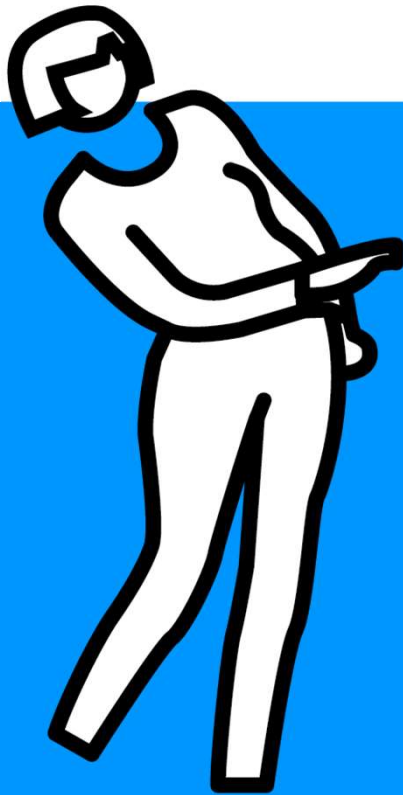
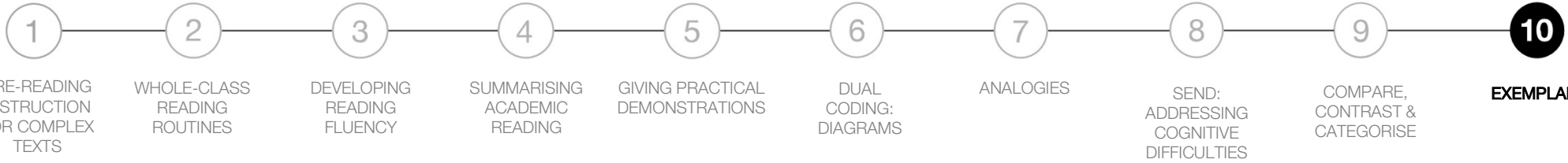
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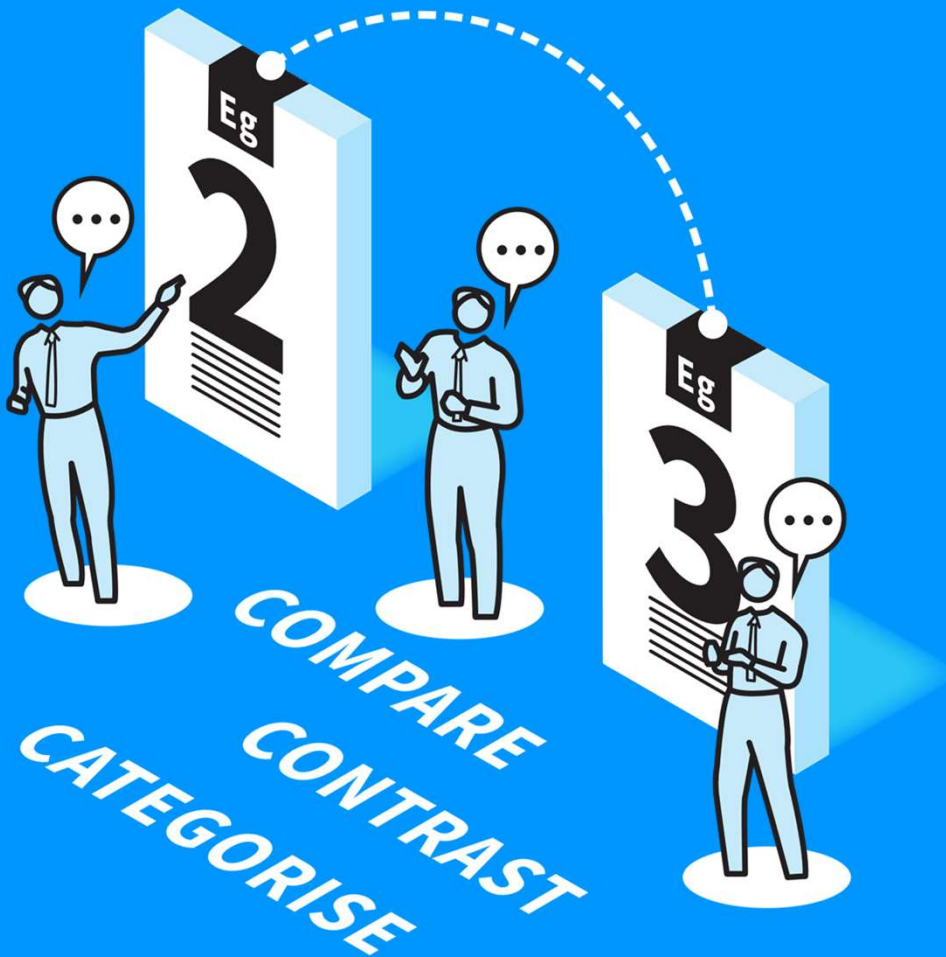
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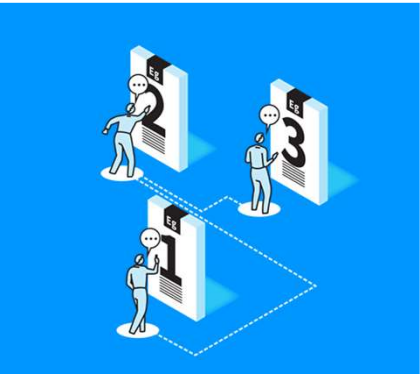


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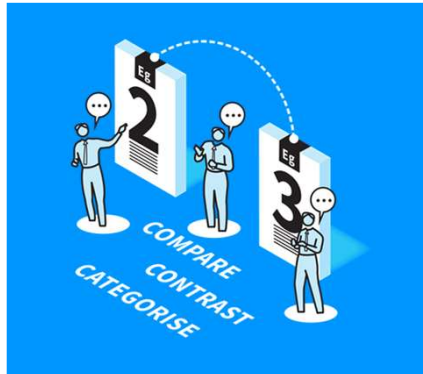
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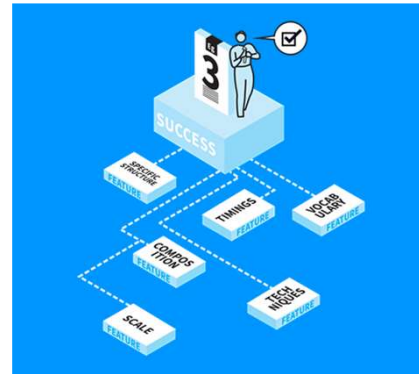
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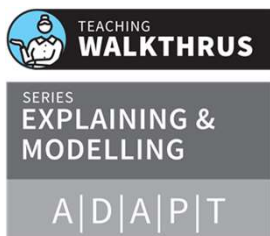
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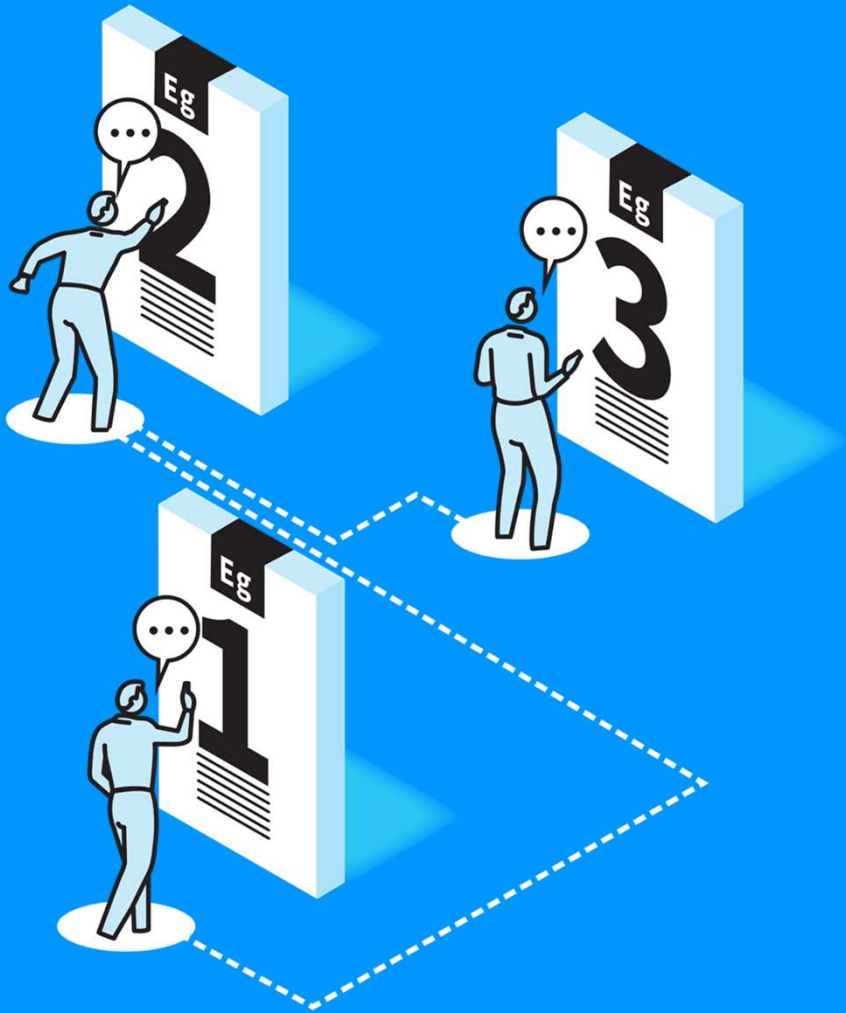
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INTRODUCE AND EXPLORE EXEMPLARS ONE AT A TIME

- Make sure each example is explored fully. Consider the best way to do this in practice so that everyone can see them.
 - Does everyone need a copy?
 - Can everyone see clearly if shown on a whiteboard or slide?
 - Does it need to be viewed close up?
 - Would a visualiser be best?
- For each exemplar, explain and discuss reasons why it is successful and how it could be better still.



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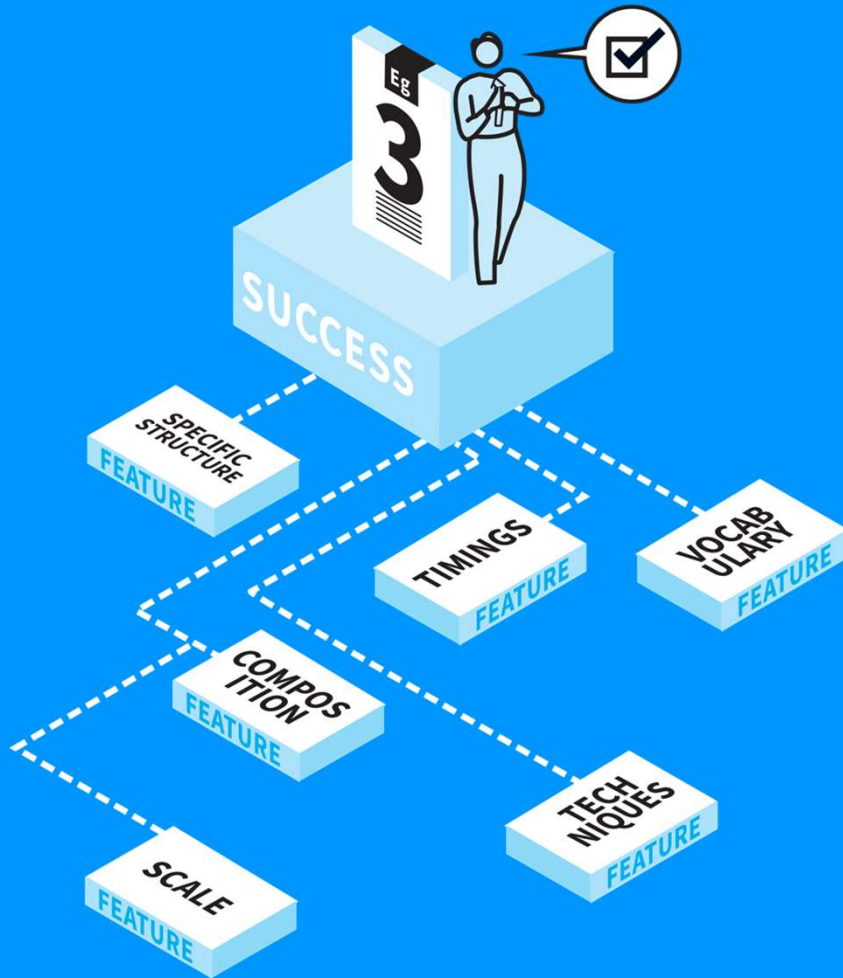
- Features of one exemplar become more evident when compared to others. Apply ideas in **Compare, Contrast and Categorise** to two or more exemplars:
- Sample A can be seen to be *more sophisticated or more succinct* than sample B. This makes more sense in comparison.
- Drawing A captures tone and form in a more naturalistic style than samples B and C, which are more stylised.



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ESTABLISH PRECISE FEATURES OF SUCCESS

- After exploring an exemplar as a whole, identify specific features that might then constitute *success or excellence*.
- Focus on elements that students can later emulate in their own work:
 - writing structures, vocabulary; compositional elements, techniques in art; quantifiable elements such as word length, scale, timings.*
- Make a list that becomes the **Success Criteria** for students' own efforts.





CRITIQUE FURTHER EXEMPLARS

- Test out the validity of the success criteria on other examples. This needs to be modelled; show how criteria are evidenced in a new example. **Check for Understanding.**
- The goal is for students to recognise features of success in the exemplars and key hinge points that move work from being mediocre to being excellent.
- When ready, invite students to evaluate exemplars themselves, fading back the instructional guidance as needed.





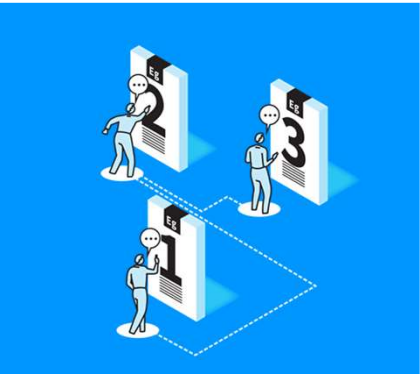
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- The end point of explaining and modelling with exemplars is for students to be able to transfer the ideas, producing their own work at the required standard.
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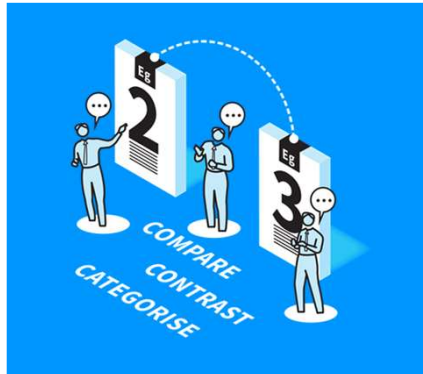


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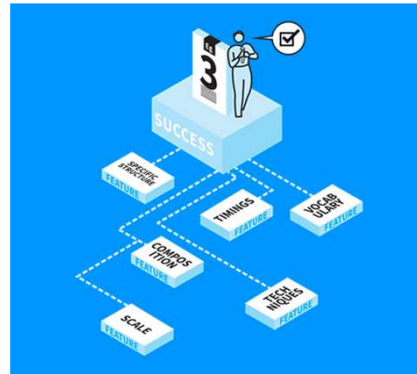
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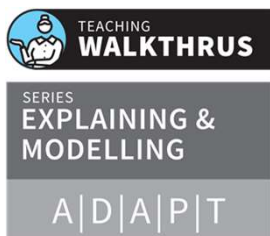
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